

Unit 6

Name: _____

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Reader's Notebook

The Maple Leaf Flag

Before Reading

1. What experiences of your own do the pictures in this report remind you of?

Watching hockey games, Canada Day celebrations, watching the Olympics.

2. What questions did you think of as you scanned this report? If you didn't think of any questions, why not?

Answers will vary, but could include why was the maple leaf chosen for the flag, when was the Canadian flag created.

3. What parts of the report did you notice right away? Why?

Answers will vary, but could include the bold colours of the flag, the headings, the sections of the report.

During Reading

The Search for a Flag

1. What parts of Canada's history did the Red Ensign represent?

Symbols of and ties to Britain and France, and the Canadian provinces and territories.

2. Why didn't people want to give the flag up?

They wanted the flag to show their ties with Britain and France, were not ready for a change.

3. Why do you think the Canadian government thought it was important to have a new flag?

Wanted the country to have a unique and special symbol to represent it and the people that live there, wanted to be seen as an independent country.

4. Do you think the design of the new flag was a good choice? Why or why not?

Answers will vary. A good answer will include "yes" or "no," followed by a strong supporting reason.

The Great Flag Debate

1. What points might have been brought up when people were deciding whether or not to accept the new design for Canada's flag?

Whether or not the design represented all groups in Canada, how the flag should be laid out, if more than one design should be included on the flag, etc.

2. Do you think Canada needs to consider a new flag now? Why or why not?

Answers will vary. A good answer will include "yes" or "no," followed by a strong supporting reason.