

SOCIAL STUDIES 9 UNIT 5: SECTION 1: WORKBOOK 17

Comparing Social Programs in Canada and the United States

Three categories of social programs are examined in the textbook readings (*Issues for Canadians*, **pages 273 to 275**): health care, pensions for senior citizens, and income assistance. Consider the textbook readings as you follow the steps to complete the chart below.

- **Step 1:** Determine the role of government in each social program category. Place your findings about each social program into the first row of the chart.
- **Step 2:** Determine the overall purpose of the social program. Consider whether it meets some or all citizen needs. Add your notes to the second row of the chart.
- **Step 3:** Decide what underlying values support these social programs. Consider how each nation achieves the common good. Complete the third row of the chart with your thoughts.

	Canada	United States
Government Responsibilities	< >	< >
Purpose of Social Programs	< >	< >
Underlying Values	< >	< >

Patricia Lychak et al., *Issues for Canadians: Teacher Resource* (Scarborough: Nelson Education Ltd., 2008). Handout 8-9. Reproduced by permission.

Save your completed chart to your **Activities** folder.