Unit 8

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8-3: Confederation and the Canadian Identity

Inquiry

Identity is who someone is. What has made Canadians who they are?

Choose one of the following to examine this question.

Plan a Canada Day celebration for your community. This will include a reenactment of Signing the British North America Act.

Criteria

Your Canada Day celebration must contain:

- A description of the costumes worn.
- speeches from Sir John A. MacDonald, Sir George Etienne Cartier, and one other significant character. Show how these individuals contributed to Confederation.
- a speech from an aboriginal character who was not involved in Confederation telling why he or she was excluded from negotiations
- a skit that shows how Canada became bilingual (English and French).
- a song that discusses the progress of the CPR and how it is affecting Canada's development
- an advertisement of Sir Sanford Fleming's new idea of time zones.
- fireworks that have a significant meaning for Confederation or the railroad. Explain what you have chosen and why these fireworks are significant.
- Other?

Or

Construct a page for an imaginary newspaper from 1878. The focus of your articles will be the effects of Confederation and building the CPR.

Criteria

Your front page must contain:

- a main article about John A. Macdonald and George Etienne Cartier and how they contributed as partners of Confederation
- a second article about the circumstances surrounding Confederation and how this led to Canada becoming bilingual (English and French).
- a third article about the progress of the CPR (Canadian Pacific Railway) and how it is affecting Canada
- a sidebar or advertisement introducing Sir Sanford Fleming's new idea of time zones.
- letters to the editor showing the effects of Confederation from multiple perspectives. Include an Aboriginal perspective.
- two images

Canadian Identity Rubric

Criteria	Excellent 5	Proficient 4	Satisfactory 3	Limited 2
MacDonald and Cartier /5	 I had insightful ideas about how MacDonald and Cartier helped build a national identity. I used precise details to demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the issue. 	 I had thoughtful ideas about how MacDonald and Cartier helped build a national identity. I used logical details to demonstrate reasonable knowledge of the issue. 	 I had appropriate ideas about how MacDonald and Cartier helped build a national identity. I used general details to demonstrate basic knowledge of the issue. 	 I had underdeveloped ideas about how MacDonald and Cartier helped build a national identity. I used vague details to demonstrate limited knowledge of the issue.
Bilingualism in Canada /5	 I had insightful ideas about how bilingualism developed in Canada. I used precise details to demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the issue. 	 I had thoughtful ideas about how bilingualism developed in Canada. I used logical details to demonstrate reasonable knowledge of the issue. 	 I had appropriate ideas about how bilingualism developed in Canada. I used general details to demonstrate basic knowledge of the issue. 	 I had underdeveloped ideas about how bilingualism developed in Canada. I used vague details to demonstrate limited knowledge of the issue.

CPR /5	 I had insightful ideas about how the railway helped build a national identity. I used precise details to demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the issue. 	 I had thoughtful ideas about how the railway helped build a national identity. I used logical details to demonstrate reasonable knowledge of the issue. 	 I had appropriate ideas about how the railway helped build a national identity. I used general details to demonstrate basic knowledge of the issue. 	 I had underdeveloped ideas about how the railway helped build a national identity. I used vague details to demonstrate limited knowledge of the issue. 		
The Effects of Confederation /5	 I had insightful ideas about how people such as aboriginals were affected by Confederation and the railway. I used precise details to demonstrate comprehensive knowledge of the issue. 	I had thoughtful ideas about how people such as aboriginals were affected by Confederation and the railway. I used logical details to demonstrate reasonable knowledge of the issue.	I had appropriate ideas about how people such as aboriginals were affected by Confederation and the railway. I used general details to demonstrate basic knowledge of the issue.	I had underdeveloped ideas about how how people such as aboriginals were affected by Confederation and the railway. I used vague details to demonstrate limited knowledge of the issue.		
Presentation /5	• I communicated capably with no errors.	I communicated logically with few errors.	• I communicated clearly with some errors.	• I communicated unclearly using many errors.		
Insufficient	Your attempt to respond is <i>insufficient</i> . Contact your teacher to discuss suggestions for improvement.					
Total: /25						
Assessment Areas of Strength: Target for Improvement:						

Template

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Total: /25 marks



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