Unit 1 – Expressions of Canadian Identity
Chapter 1 – An Introduction to Canadian Identity
Personal Identity

• Create a web diagram with “Who am I?” in the center
  ○ Think of things like gender, culture, ethnic origins, traditions, activities you enjoy, values, plans for the future etc.

• Do you think your web would be different if you lived in a different country?
Canadian Identity

• Many different factors effect someone’s identity:
  o Landscape
  o Community, province, and region
  o Language, culture, and ethnic background
  o Our personal and collective histories
  o Friends, leaders, politicians, and heroes
  o government
Finish the following statement...

- “I would like to learn more about....”
Interpreting Visuals

- Analyzing and interpreting images/visuals is a very important aspect of this course.

- Take a look at page 4 of your text book to see how we can “read” an image
Artists Reflect Canadian Identity

First Nations and Inuit

• Used various types of traditional media to represent various aspects of their cultures and beliefs
  o Masks and totem poles
  o Carvings
  o Decorative clothing
  o Petroforms
    • Boulders arranged in the shape of animals
  o Embroider on bark
New France
• Religious works painted by priests
• Paintings were usually of churches

British North America
• Portraits of their family
• Landscape paintings called topographics
• Topographers often drew things they saw in their everyday lives also known as documentary paintings.

Into the 20th Century
• A sense of pride in one’s country (nationalism) developed in the 1900’s
• Paintings by “the group of seven” not only tried to show the natural beauty of our country but also their own personal feelings about it
Questions

• Complete questions 1-4 on page 8

• How do first nations and Inuit artists reflect Canada’s natural environment in their works?

• Why was there a strong sense of religious theme in art in New France?

• Why was training in drawing seen as a necessary skill for British Officers?

• What aspects of Canadian Identity do you see reflected in the works of the Group of Seven
Musicians Reflect Canadian Identity

Pride in Canada

• “This Land is Your Land” was written in 1940 by Woody Guthrie (American version) but then repurposed for Canada by the Canadian folk music group The Travellers.
• [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ni5wpurRD4qA](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ni5wpurRD4qA)

CRTC

• Designed to protect and promote Canadian culture
• Radio and television stations are required to devote a specific amount of time each day to Canadian content
Provincial and Regional Identity

• A sense of loyalty to community, province, or region is part of identity for many Canadians
• Canadian Pianist Frank Mills released a CD in 1997 titled Canada (see song list on page 11)

Musical Stereotypes

• “Mainland” vs Newfoundland
• Song writers are influenced by where they live

• Blue Rodeo - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RTga8-vASc
• Great Big Sea - http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fO7cd8uXVRQ
Questions

Portfolio Work

1. List 5 songs that represent Canadian Identity
   • Check page 11 or the web for these.

2. Define CRTC Pg 10

3. Review and Reflect (pg 12)
   • Questions 1-3

4. Apply and Extend (pg 12)
   • Questions 1 and 2
Writers Reflect Canadian Identity

Children’s Literature (pg 13-14)
- Claire’s Gift by Maxine Trottier
- Billy’s World by Cora Weber-Pillwax
- The Dust Bowl by David Booth
- The Hockey Sweater by Roch Carrier

Ballads (pg 14)
- Popular poetic form of narrative to tell a story
- Often sensational stories that grow from real events
- The Cremation by Sam McGee
- Chanson des Bois Brules
- Peter Emberley
Modern Storytelling (pg 15-16)

- Northwest Passage by Stan Rogers
- The Carpet by Shirley Kiju Kawi
- Reach Out and Touch by Maxine Tynes
- New Under the Sun by Kevin Major
- Cloud of Bone by Bernice Morgan
Questions

Review and Reflect

• Question 1-3

• Pg 17
Assignment

• Choose a song by a Canadian Artist and explain in 2-3 paragraphs (1 page double spaced) on how it represents Canadian Identity.

• Write a song/poem that expresses Canadian Identity. If you are also musically inclined – you may put your song to music.
Test Outline

• 10 Matching (terms)
• 5 Multiple Choice
• 1 Question