

Canada on the World Stage



This is a multi-step assignment -- Here are the parts:

- Canadian UN Peacekeeping Missions
- Global Conflicts and Canadian Connections
- Canada as a Middle vs Model Power

They can be done alone or together as a whole, but should each lead up to your response to these connected questions: *What has been Canada’s role on the world stage? On what principles or actions has Canada based our reputation in the past? Has this changed? How should it change in the future?.*

This optional assignment could be done in a number of ways (in a group, as a debate, in a report, or as a presentation or performance). If attempted, this optional assignment will be applied to your Unit 1-2 (Active Citizenship) Project mark or your Unit 3-6 (Echo) Project mark. This is not a “bonus” (e.g. anything you do is added to an existing mark), this is an alternate and additional method to demonstrate your learning and understand of core learning outcomes in Social Studies 11.

RUBRIC	<i>moving from: basic ---> developing ----> meeting expectations ---> mastery</i>
form	careful design of questions, thorough research, thoughtful and creative use of evidence, edited and polished presentation or submission
function	shows understanding of key themes and core learning outcomes from Social Studies 11, applies critical thinking skills to a relevant topic

Part 1: Canadian UN Peacekeeping Missions

Do some basic research on each of these UN Missions in which Canadians was involved. Your Counterpoints textbook has information on most of these and is a good place to start. Internet will be useful for this, too.¹ Focus on key details like the purpose of the mission, the scale of the mission, the outcome of the mission, and Canada’s role in all these things. You may also wish to have a “notes” section for each mission so you can record other comments. Maybe there were complications that the UN faced in the mission? Maybe you want to evaluate how successful the UN was with its mission goals? You could also comment on the roots of the conflict before UN intervention -- maybe it relates to poverty, ethnic group interaction, religion, legacies of the colonization era, Cold War tensions, foreign intervention, resource and development issues (this is also excellent review for these “social studies” ideas). You should also be able to locate the area of these UN Missions on a map.

Afghanistan 1988-1990
 Cambodia 1992-1993
 Cyprus 1964-present
 Egypt 1956-1967
 Guatemala 1997
 Iraq/Kuwait 1991-2003
 Nigeria 1968-1969
 Somalia 1992-1993

Balkans/Kosovo 1996-2002
 Congo 1960-1964
 Dominican Republic 1965-1966
 Egypt 1973-1979
 Haiti 1990-1991
 Namibia 1989-1990
 Rwanda 1993-1994
 Syria/Golan Heights 1974-present

¹ <http://www.un.org/en/peacekeeping/>
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Canadian_peacekeeping_missions
<http://www.members.shaw.ca/kcic1/peacekeepers2.html>
<http://www.canadahistory.com/sections/war/Peace%20Keepers/peacekeeping.html>

Part 2: Global Conflicts and Canadian Connections

Conduct a similar set of mini-case studies into other global conflicts in which Canada was involved:

Korean War 1950-1953

Vietnam War 1965-1973

9/11 World Trade Centre Attack 2001

Military Intervention in Libya 2011

Cuban Missile Crisis 1963

Air India Tragedy 1985

War/Aftermath in Afghanistan 2001-2014

Other?

Again, your textbook has some good information about most of these, but feel welcome to use the internet or other sources. Recording notes for Part 1 or Part 2 would work well on large chart, or a series of cards.

Part 3: Canada as a Middle vs Model Power

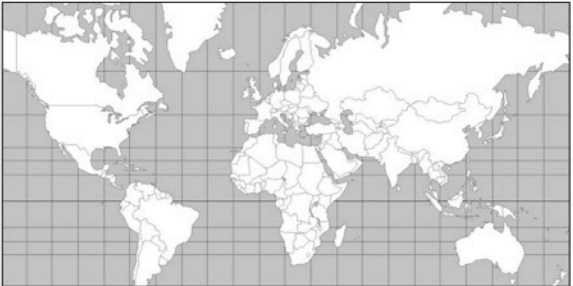
Take the evidence you have gathered from Part 1 and Part 2, plus any other thoughts you have about Canada's international involvement since World War II, and complete the "Evidence Page." In order to understand the difference between "middle power" and "model power," read the "Thinking Critically" bit on p. 285 in Counterpoints. You can also search for these terms. Middle Power is a far more common topic², while Model Power is not.³ The evidence page looks like this, but is printed on 11"x17" paper (linked on website). You could also design your own template on which to provide evidence about the topic.

Global Conflicts • Canadian Connections

Think about:
On what principles or actions has Canada based our reputation in the past? Has this changed?

Instructions:
Place the number for each conflict on the map

- 1 Korean War 1950-1953
- 2 UN Egypt I 1956-1967
- 3 Cuban Missile Crisis 1963
- 4 UN Congo 1960-1964
- 5 UN Cyprus 1964-present
- 6 UN Dominican Republic 1965-1966
- 7 Vietnam War 1965-1973
- 8 UN Nigeria 1968-1969
- 9 UN Egypt II 1973-1979
- 10 UN Syria/Golan Heights 1974-present



Name: _____

- 11 Air India Tragedy 1985
- 12 UN Afghanistan 1988-1990
- 13 UN Namibia 1989-1990
- 14 UN Haiti 1990-1991
- 15 UN Iraq/Kuwait (Persian Gulf) 1991-2003
- 16 UN Cambodia 1992-1993
- 17 UN Somalia Affair 1992-1993
- 18 UN Rwandan Genocide 1993-1994
- 19 UN Balkans/Yugoslav Civil War 1996-2002
- 20 UN Guatemala 1997
- 21 9/11 World Trade Centre Attack 2001
- 22 War in Afghanistan 2001-present
- 23 Military Intervention in Libya 2011

evidence of Canada as a **middle power**, an important peacekeeper in the global hierarchy with loyalty to the UN

students complete notes based on class research, presentations, or additional reading

(could be either or neither)

support for Canada as a **model power**, willing to make new alliances and strike out for its own agenda

notes should help address the question: What has been Canada's role on the world stage?

Part 4 -- Wrap-up:

Find a creative and intelligent way to answer the guiding questions: *What has been Canada's role on the world stage? On what principles or actions has Canada based our reputation in the past? Has this changed? How should it change in the future?.*

² <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/middle-power/>

³ <http://eaves.ca/tag/model-power/>