

Exploring Nationalism

Chapter Highlights

Chapter 1: Nation and Identity

This chapter explores the relationship between nation and identity, specifically by investigating the concepts and understandings of nation. People express their identity through nation in different ways and these ways can change; there are myths which help to shape national identity.

Chapter Issue: *To what extent are nation and identity related?*

In this chapter you will learn about the following concepts:

- That different people have different views of *nation*;
- That nation is a collective concept as well as a patriotic concept;
- That there are different understandings of nation (linguistic, ethnic, cultural, religious, geographic, spiritual, and political understandings; relationship to land);
- That a civic concept means that there are shared values and beliefs as expressed in law; and,
- That people express their identity through nation in different ways and that there are national myths which sometimes change.

Topics covered in this chapter include:

1. What are some concepts of nation? (*collective concept, patriotic concept*)
2. What are some understandings of nation? (*linguistic, ethnic, cultural, religious, geographic, spiritual, and political understandings; relationship to land*)
3. Nation understood as a civic concept. (*shared values and beliefs, Charter of Rights and Freedoms, nation-state, founding the Turkish nation*)
4. How people express their identity through nation. (*evolution of national identity, myths of national identity*)

You will apply these skills to your understanding of the relation between nation and identity:

1. **Document** your ideas of nation and identity through words or images.
2. **Explain** your choice of a description that most accurately describes your understanding of nation.
3. **Create** a mind map to express your ideas and understandings of nation.
4. **Examine** a map of Tibet to identify the physical features that isolated the Tibetan people.
5. **Create** a graphic organizer or image to depict the connections between geography and people's relationship to the land.
6. **Respond** using a three-column chart understandings of nation and your rating of them.
7. **Compare** your understanding of Canada with the model of the British civic nation.
8. **Explain** the meaning of the words depicted on a Turkish poster.
9. **Develop** effective inquiry questions.