

5. New Canadians

This activity allows students to broaden their understanding of what it means to be Canadian, and examine that meaning from the perspective of “new Canadians.”



Materials Needed:

Book **“From Far and Wide: A Canadian Citizenship Scrapbook”** by Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet

Discuss what it means to be “a Canadian.”

Review **“From Far and Wide: A Canadian Citizenship Scrapbook”** by Jo Bannatyne-Cugnet, as an engaging supporting picture book for this discussion.

Discuss, “What is a “new Canadian?” If there are students with connections to new Canadians, offer them the opportunity to speak about what they know on the topic.

Arrange an opportunity for students to interview a new Canadian from the perspective of what is different about Canada versus their home country. What is the same? Would you see images like the Poster Image?

The Gateway Centre for New Canadians based in Toronto has a website at:
<http://www.gcnc.ca/index.php>

Citizenship and Immigration Canada has a link to local organizations for new immigrants at:
<http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/newcomer/welcome/wel-20e.html>

You can look up your province and make contact.

Alternatively, you may have easy access to families within your own school community that you could meet for discussion, sharing and support.

Teacher Notes:
