

What Canada Means to Me



Read the two stories below from Grade 5 students in Ontario, Canada.

Underline or highlight words you don't understand. Discuss the stories with your classmates and teacher.

1. By Anwar Mohamad—Grade Five in Oakwood Public School

Canada is a very multicultural country. In my class there are Jamaicans, Muslims, Portuguese, Malta, Barbados and so on. I came to Canada because me and my family knew it was a free and peaceful country. So now I have the freedom to go back to my country whenever I want. Now that I have the experience of Canada I can see the difference between Canada and my country. In Afghanistan people are too poor to go to school and get educated. But here in Canada everybody is well educated.

Canada is intelligent and helpful. We take care of our elderly and missionaries. We have the freedom to do what we want. We help our veterans and we appreciate them and the people who died for us. So that's why we have Remembrance Day and everybody loves Remembrance Day and so do I.

I love Canada!

2. By Marina Ghlchinska—Grade Five in Oakwood Public School

What Canada means to me is that it's a home to lots of people. It accepts immigrants, which makes it multicultural. I'm from a different country. Many people are from different countries. Everyone is different and we respect everyone's own culture.

Here in Canada people are very polite. For example, when I lived in the Ukraine, no one stopped to let my mom and me cross a busy street. In Canada, mostly everyone stops to let pedestrians pass. That is why I think Canada is such a great country!

What do you like about Canada?

Now it's your turn to tell what Canada means to you. Write a few sentences about what you like about Canada. Why is it good? How is it different than your country? What do you like about living in Canada?

Draw a picture of the Canadian Flag.

Draw a picture of your home country's flag.

