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1. Canada is one of the most culturally diverse nations on Earth. Every year, close to 200,000 immigrants come to this country in search of opportunities for a better life. What do you know about the history of Canada's diversity? How did we become such a multicultural society?

2. First, click on the **Social Studies** icon in the Grade 7 StudentLink menu. Then click on the link for **Multiculturalism in Canada**. Let's explore the early history of Canadian multiculturalism...

3. Start out by reading the introduction and the first section about Immigration in the Early Years.

A) Who are the "original" Canadians and how did they arrive on the North American continent?

B) Approximately when did the first Europeans arrive in Canada? Which two countries were the main contributors of settlers to Canada?

C) List some reasons why immigrants came to Canada in the early years. What were some of the hardships they faced?



4. Next go back to the **Grade 7 Social Studies** page and click on **Canadian Heritage: Multiculturalism** (last column) Part of our country's multiculturalism is the acceptance of the Aboriginal people who lived here before the Europeans. Select "**Moving Forward: Healing Canada's Relationship with its Aboriginal Peoples**" and read through the article. After reading the article, why do you think it is important for Canada to respect its Aboriginal people? Why are they important to the culture of our country?

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5. Let's take a look at another aspect of our unique Canadian multicultural society: Bilingualism...

Go back to the Social Studies page for Grade 7. Click on **Office of Official Languages**. Once at the main page click on **Youth Express**.

Try out the **Fun Stuff** section. Play the **Adventures in Time** game to travel to all of the different provinces in Canada and explore bilingualism...



6. Now let's explore more of the cultures that make up Canada today. Go back to the Grade 7 Social Studies page and click on **Heirloom Series: Trans Cultural Society**.

By clicking on **Countries** in the left menu, you'll be presented with a list of different countries from which people have come to Canada.

Were you born in Canada or one of these countries? How about your parents? Grandparents? Choose a country and read through the synopsis.



A) About how many people have come from that country to Canada?

B) What kind of hardships would you, your parents, grandparents or other members of your family have faced coming to Canada?