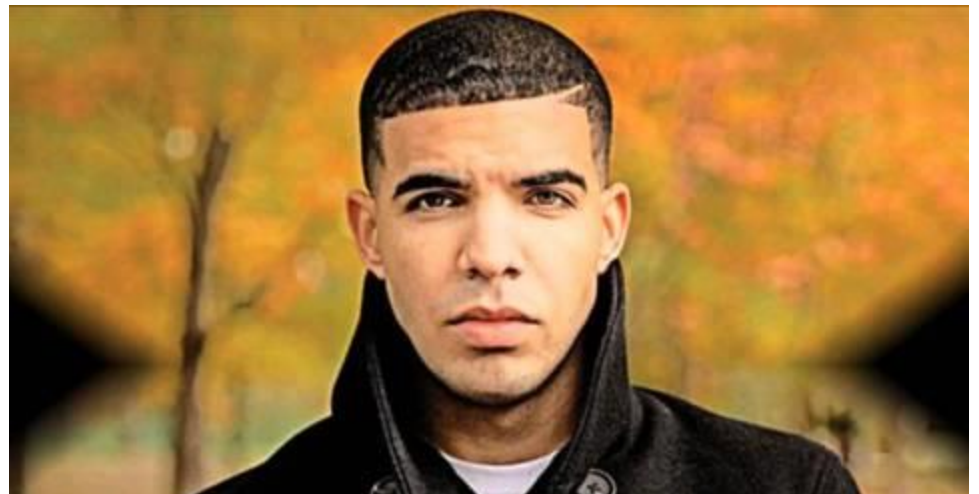


# Canada's Cultural Landscape

The bottom of the slide features a decorative graphic consisting of several overlapping, wavy lines in various shades of blue, creating a sense of movement and depth.

# What Does “Identity” Mean?

- \* **Identity:** The fact of being who or what a person or thing is.
- \* Do the images below portray any identities?



# Who am I?

- \* Before thinking about a Canadian identity it is important to think about your own identity.
- \* Your own identity is made up of factors including; gender, culture, ethnic origin, traditions, activities, and many more
- \* Create a concept web in your notebook with “Who am I” at the centre. Write or draw your ideas about your own identity on the concept web.



# What is Canadian?



- \* To determine what a Canadian identity might look like we need to determine what Canada is.
- \* Lets do a short brainstorm activity.
- \* With a partner list everything that comes to mind when you hear the word “Canadian”.



# Culture

- \* The way in which a group of people live.
- \* It includes their beliefs and traditions and involves such things as food, language, music and even recreational activities.



# Cultural Imprints

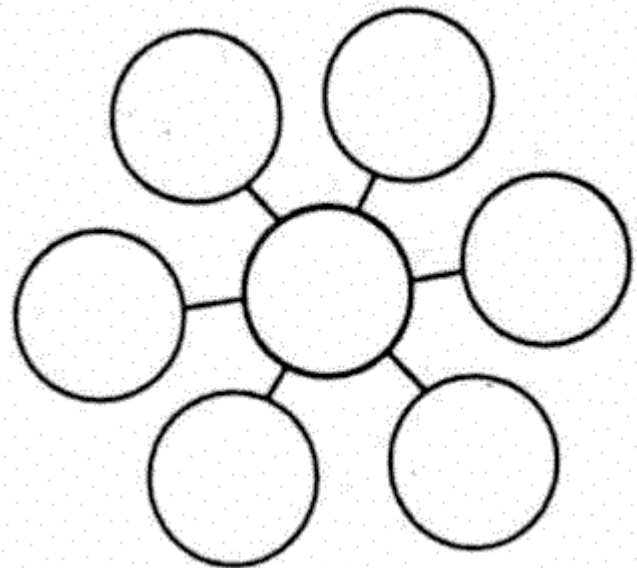


- \* Each group of Canada's diverse population has brought aspects of their cultures with them
- \* Each cultural imprint is a part of our country

# WHAT IS CANADIAN CULTURE?

## What do we associate with our culture?

- Activities?
- Music?
- Food?
- Art?
- Stores/companies?
- Values?
- Stereotypes?



Turn to pages 5-17 in your text to see aspects of Canadian culture

# Multiculturalism

- \* An official policy of Canada which encourages respect for cultural diversity within our country.





# Official multicultural communities in Canada

- \* There are two official multicultural communities:
- \* English and French
  - \* Many immigrants choose Canada because of its English based cultures.
  - \* Many others come for the French culture; primarily in Quebec and New Brunswick.

# English-French Challenges

- \* There are some Canadians who feel that Canada should not be multicultural and that we should separate into different countries.
- \* Many French Canadians fear assimilation, in which their cultural identity would be lost to the English culture.



# Quebec Separation

- \* The Quebec sovereignty movement has been a constant threat to Canadian unity.
- \* Despite two failed referendums on independence, the movement still exists today!
- \* Is this positive or negative?

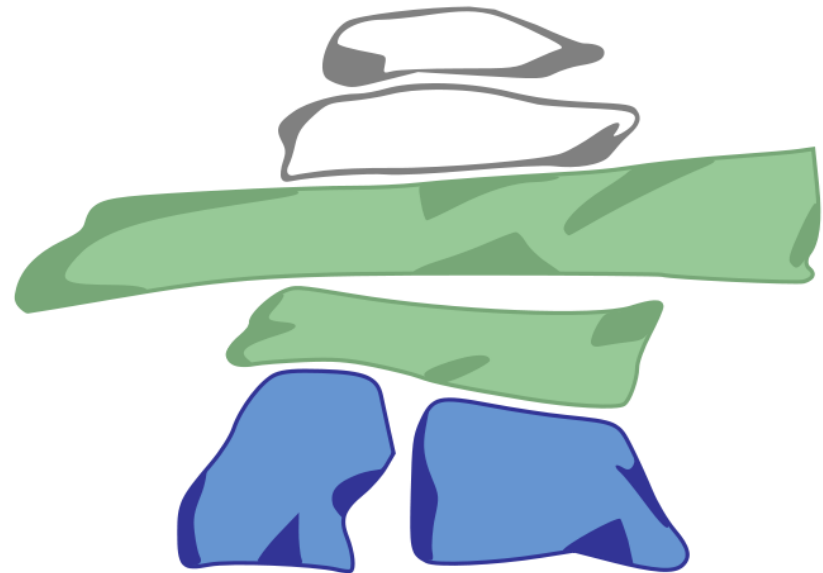
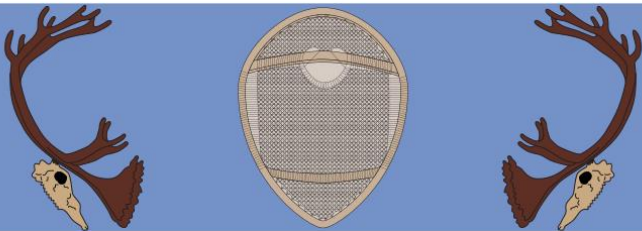


# NL Challenges



- \* Canada's Confederation was in 1867. Yet Newfoundland joined in 1949...
- \* Are there challenges of separation in NL today?
  - \* Is there any movement in Labrador?

# Multiculturalism in Labrador



# Multiculturalism vs. Assimilation

- \* **Multiculturalism:** the acceptance of different cultures
  - \* Canada has a high representation of many different cultures.
  - \* This acceptance and fair treatment makes Canada a Multicultural Society.
- \* **Assimilation:** a process whereby a minority group gradually adapts to the customs and attitudes of other cultures and customs.

# What do you believe?

- \* **Do you believe in multiculturalism or assimilation?**
  - \* What are the advantages of each?
  - \* What are the disadvantages of each?