

Issues in Canadian Geography (Grade 9 – applied, ESL)
CGC 1PL

This course is only available for students taking ESL AO, ESL BO, ESL CO, and ESL DO.

Is Canada the greatest country to live in? This inquiry question forms the base for this course, which challenges students to think critically about Canada and its place in the world. Throughout this course we explore the evolution of Canada's people, environment, and economy through investigating topics such as: the changing face of immigration, future population challenges, landform formation and our interaction with our environment, balancing resource extraction and the conservation of our environment, and making our cities more sustainable in the future.

Prerequisite: None

Skills that will be developed include:

- Critical thinking skills related to the evaluation of sources, statistics, and other geographic information (maps, graphs, infographics, etc.)
- Writing supported opinion paragraphs and creating engaging presentations (oral and visual)
- Effective use of technology (Geographic Information Systems, Web 2.0 tools, Apps etc.) to facilitate both student learning and the sharing of student learning
- To become successful English language learners who can communicate effectively in the subject area of Geography
- Being able to take charge of their own learning, independently and in groups

Projects include:

- Presentations using various media (videos, and traditional presentations)
- Supported opinion paragraphs and blogs using digital technology and traditional methods
- Mapping and graphing of statistical data, interpretation of data

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