

**Complete the following questions:**

1. What was immigration to Canada like before the 1920's?

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2. How many people moved to Canada from 1919 to 1929? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Why do you think the Great Depression impacted immigration?

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**Did You Know.....?**

Canada was hit hard by the Great Depression. Between 1929 and 1939, the gross national product dropped 40% (compared to 37% in the US)....

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**Did You Know.....?** The Great Depression happened during the 1930s when there was a worldwide economic depression and mass unemployment

4. Create a chart showing Canada's immigration from 1945 to 2010.

5. How has Canada's immigrant population changed over the last 100 years?

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6. What are the three classifications of immigrant?

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7. Should Canada limit the entry of Humanitarian immigrants? (Why or Why not)

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8. What makes a person a refugee?

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9. Now that you have read and answered question 8, would you like to change your answer to number 7? Why or why not?

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**Apply and Extend**

*"We must nevertheless seek to keep this part of the Continent free from unrest and from too great an intermixture of foreign strains of blood, as much the same thing as lies at the basis of the Oriental problem. I fear we would have riots if we agreed to a policy that admitted numbers of Jews."*

- Prime Minister Mackenzie King, Diary Entry. Ottawa, 29 March, 1938

"The policy of the government is to foster the growth of the population of Canada by the encouragement of immigration. The government will seek by legislation, regulation and vigorous administration, to ensure the careful selection and permanent settlement of such numbers of immigrants as can be advantageously absorbed in our national economy. It is a matter of domestic policy [...] The people of Canada do not wish as a result of mass immigration to make a fundamental alteration in the character of our population. Large scale immigration from the Orient would change the fundamental composition of the Canadian population".

This statement of policy by Mackenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada at the time, was made before the House of Commons (1947)

1. Do you think Prime Minister's Kings views on other cultures represented those of most Canadians of his time? Why or Why not?

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**Did You Know...?** Mackenzie King was the longest-serving Prime Minister of Canada and introduced many of Canada's social welfare policies

2. How might racist immigration policies in the past have affected the immigration policy Canada has today?

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3. Use the quotations on page 69 to examine how attitudes toward other cultures have changed and how Canadian immigration policy has changed as a result.

Then		Now	
Attitudes and Values	Immigration Policy	Attitudes and Values	Immigration Policy

### 4.4 Debate over Immigration and Refugees

Read page 70 to 71

1. Are you in favour of or opposed to increased immigration in Canada's future?  
Why or why not?

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2. Are you in favour of or opposed to accepting refugees at current levels? Why or why not

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