

Culminating Activity Report Period 1 - Social 20-1

Due Date – Friday, October 31, 2008 (there is no class this day. There are no extensions on this assignment. If you miss school on Friday, figure out a way to get it to me on FRIDAY, October 31, 2008)

In this first quarter we have studied definitions of nation, nation-state, nationalism and personal identity. We have recognized how the origins of nationalism are found in the French Revolution. We have studied different expressions of nationalism and have briefly discussed the concept of competing nationalities. We spent considerable time considering how politicians attempt to manipulate or capitalize one competing senses of belonging.

In this culminating activity we are going to combine all these concepts into one project.

Here is the scenario: you are a newly elected conservative Member of Parliament who has been summoned by the Prime Minister to be the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. You know from the previous Parliament that the government has officially apologized to Native Americans for the abuses committed by the Canadian government in Residential schools, on reserves and on the Native American nation in particular. You must propose a plan to the government, Canadian people and First Nations that will make this apology meaningful while balancing competing national interests and acknowledging the fractured political landscape in Canada.

How you choose to present your plan is up to you. Think of your audience. A long report may be meaningful but probably not accessible enough for the majority of your audience. It must balance between a sincere presentation and an entertaining/educational presentation.

Rubric

Category	Level 1 (ready to answer phones in a backbench MP's office)	Level 2 (Chief Office Manager in MP's office)	Level 3 (Backbench MP)	Level 4 (Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development)
Resources	No resources acknowledged	Some resources acknowledge (howbeit incorrectly)	Several (3-4) resources acknowledged correctly	Many (5+) reliable resources acknowledged and successfully used
Citing	Minimal citing	Some citing (howbeit incorrectly)	Citing correctly incorporated	Citing used artfully and correctly to enhance the presentation
Technicalities – grammar	Grammar mistakes are prevalent	Some grammar mistakes are present	Grammar mistakes are very minimal	There are no grammar mistakes

Technicalities - Spelling	Spelling mistakes are prevalent	Some spelling mistakes are present	Spelling mistakes are very minimal	There are no spelling mistakes
Technicalities – Readability	Several sentences are awkward	Some sentences are awkward	Awkward sentences are very minimal	There are no awkward sentences
Technicalities – Paragraphs	Indentations are used merely for formality	There is some effort to contain ideas in a paragraph	Paragraphs are complete and are not filled with extraneous information	Paragraphs are succinct examples of careful writing and exposition
Ideas – Clarity	What is being said is unclear	There is some clarity as to what is being presented	Presentation clearly explains the plan	Presentation skillfully and articulately presents a compelling and thought-provoking plan
Ideas – Believability	Plan is rather absurd	Plan has some merit	Plan could potentially attract some support	Plan is well-thought out and would easily garner support
Ideas – research is evident	Obvious that little background knowledge is present	Some background knowledge is present	Background knowledge is evident	Background knowledge evidently was used to create a knowledgeable presentation
Presentation – organization	Presentation is unorganized and haphazard	Presentation has some organization and tact	Presentation is organized and tactful	Presentation is skillfully and carefully presented in an entertaining and influencing manner
Presentation – creativity	Presentation is boring	Presentation is somewhat creative	Presentation is creative	Presentation creatively enhances the content of the presentation
Overall	Presentation is not successful	Presentation is successful in some key areas	Presentation is successful	Presentation successfully engages the audience and proposes a comprehensive plan

