

Personal Manifesto



The following assignment is designed for you to reflect on your own perspective on the world. You will be completing the tasks listed below in an attempt to create an outline of your own ideology. You will use the knowledge you have gained in your twelve year social studies career, as well as any other sources you might find helpful, to help you in preparing you own ‘manifesto’. Here are the things that you will need to do in the creation of your final product:

CHECKLIST

Title page – creative title with at least one visual (a symbol, drawing or picture that reflects your ideology)

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Biography (approx. 200 words) – a brief biography of your life to date.

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Citizenship – define what citizenship means to you – describe the ideal citizen.

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Reflection on Canada (approx. 200 words) – an overview of what it means to you to be a Canadian citizen. You need to describe the best and worst attributes of our country.

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Political Perspective (approx. 250-300 words) – an overview of what your perfect political system would look like. Describe how you feel decisions should be made. Describe how leadership plays a role in your political system. You will need to include the following: *three* quotes that support your ideas and *three* specific references to elements of political systems we have studied.

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Economic Perspective (approx. 250-300 words) – an overview of what your perfect economic system would look like. Describe how economic decisions would be made, as well as an explanation of the core values that would underscore those decisions – individualism and/or collectivism. You will need to include the following: *three* quotes that support your ideas, *three* references to actual economic systems, and a description of where your system would fall on the traditional political and economic spectrum.

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Rights and Responsibilities (approx. 250-300 words) - what is your perspectives on the rights, roles and responsibilities of the individual in a democratic society. Use an example to represent each of the following:

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- respect for law and order,
- dissent
- civility
- political participation
- citizen advocacy

Rights and Responsibilities During Crisis (approx. 250-300 words) - what is your perspectives on the rights, roles and responsibilities of the individual during times of conflict.

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- humanitarian crises
- civil rights movements
- antiwar movements
- McCarthyism
- prodemocracy movements

Defending Your Ideology (approx. 250-300 words) – how far should people go to defend their ideology? Explain your position and defend it with case studies and examples you have learned about.

Conclusion (100 words) – a quick overview of your ideology as outlined in your ‘manifesto’ and a personal reflection on your future as a Canadian citizen and as a global citizen.

Bibliography – a formal bibliography of all sources you used.

Final Product: your final product can be in whatever form you like (traditional report, PowerPoint, MovieMaker, other...). Try to match your learning style with your final product.

*make sure you refer to the rubric provided to you to insure you know what targets you are trying to hit.

Initial Planning and Brainstorming