The Stories That Make Up Canada



Create strong interview questions O What makes up a "powerful" interview question
Practice your interview questions on a classmate (or a guest invited to class)
Reflect on the practice interview O What went well, what could have been better, how will I change my questions or behaviour for my real interview
Interview a neighbour, a family friend, a family member, someone important in your life. To be conducted between and O Has your interviewee completed the consent form? Yes or No
Reflect on the interview o complete self-evaluation sheet choose three pieces of the interview that struck you during the interview
In class project - creative way to share your interview experience with the class O Your project will be given to the person you interviewed - BE PROUD OF YOUR WORK
 Class discussion How have these stories on immigration changed the way you think about Canada?
What is the value in hearing personal stories in history?

Consent Form to be completed BEFORE the interview

Hello my name is
Division 5 is studying immigration in Canada at Queen Elizabeth Elementary School. Our goal is to hear
the stories of people coming to Canada.
I have some questions to ask you and will record some of the interview to be shared with my teacher and classmates. The recording of this interview may be electronic, written or filmed. However the method of recording is completely dependent on your level of comfort.
I(name of student) promise to respect and honour your story and will only share information of
which you permit me to.
I (name of interviewee) give permission to (name of
student) to record my information and share it with division 5.
The interview is completely voluntary and if at any point in the interview you feel uncomfortable or would like to stop, that is completely understandable. Please express so.
The data collected from this interview will be used for a class project. The class is looking at the ways in
which multiple stories shape Canada. Data from this interview will be used to engage students in
discussion surrounding immigration in Canada. Students will use these stories to create their own
representations of immigration to Canada through a creative work piece.
Thank you for your participation,
Danielle McQueen
Teacher Candidate



Reflection and Self-Evaluation of the Interview

To be completed AFTER the interview

Rate your interview out of 10 (0 being awful 10 being excellent):
What went well in your interview?
If you could go back and change one thing in your interview, what would you change and how?
What surprised you the most in the interview? (ex: something that was said, body language, emotions):
Have your thoughts changed about the word "immigration", how so?
In one powerful word, how would you describe the act of immigrating to Canada?
Choose three things that you connected with you during the interview? (something he/she said that really made you think, or made you feel a certain way)
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2.
3.

Honouring Someone's Story



In Class Project

	e of the three pieces of the interview t after the interview.	hat you wrote down in your self-
	Choose the one that struck you the mo	ost!
	Piece of interview:	Reason for choice:
	a way to represent that piece of the in	
(Exam	nples of work pieces: poem, story, comic	strip, painting, dance, song etc.)
0	Confirm with teacher before continuir	ng
o W o Ho o W	question that you will answer during the hy did you choose this piece of the interview? ow did this piece of the interview help us unde hy did you choose this way of representing yo ow does your medium help us understand your	erstand immigration? Our piece of the interview?
You will sh	nare your work piece and the answer to	one of the above questions with the
	e are excited to hear from you!	
o Y o	ou will give your work piece back to th	ne person you interviewed
Follow the	e rubric on how you will be graded on yo	ur work piece and presentation

PART B-Unit Grid: This is intended to briefly explain the outline of the unit. It will contain enough information so that I can see

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immigrating to another country		interview guest	ethics of interview: "what if"
heroic? (link to previous unit)	(in preparation for guest and		scenarios
and defining immigration	real interview)	Activities: -setting up	-problem solving
through the students		classroom and assigning roles	
knowledge/lens	Activities:	within groups (ie. Secretary,	Activities: role play
	-show a BBC/CBC interview	timekeeper, interviewer(s))	-when things go wrong in an
Activities: popcorn: what do	-interview preparation in	-guest circulates to each group,	interview
you think of when you think	partners	responding to questions	-general etiquette during
"immigration"? How does it	-prepare one good interview	-guest departs and we discuss	interview
make you feel? What do you	question per student	our findings as a class	-desirable environment
picture in your mind?	-pick out some powerful		Partners or small groups given
	questions and criteria (ie. Not a	Resources & Annotations:	an undesirable situation and
Resources & Annotations:	yes/no answer) for good	-guest	they must act out and resolve
	question for next lesson's guest	Assessment:	the situation
Assessment:	Resources & Annotations:	-Did groups share their findings	Resources & Annotations:
-participation		with the class?	-CBC interview with Billy Bob
-exit slip	Roland Case "Powerful	-Teacher randomly chooses	
	Questions"	students to comment on one	Assessment:
Transition to next lesson:		aspect of the interview	-check for understanding by
consider skills, content &/or	Assessment: return to previous		having random students
classroom environment:	exit slip and alter question	Transition to next lesson:	retelling how one group
	according to powerful question		recovered from an
Exit slip: if you could ask a	criteria	-discussion regarding process	uncomfortable situation
person who immigrated to		and aspects of an interview will	
Canada one question what	Transition to next lesson:	lead into "what if" scenarios	Transition to next lesson:
would it be?	Preparing questions for visitor		-given skills to now perform
			actual interview (to be done in
			course of the next week)

The second secon	-becoming "visually literate"	upcoming lessons	Komagata Maru/Tamil Tigers to	-given skills to now address W		classroom environment	consider skills, content &/or Tr	Transition to next lesson:	-e>	participation/cooperation sce	to oversee student "ir	Assessment: -teacher circulates As		-Vancouver images fro	-EDCP331 handout -C	Resources & Annotations: -V			from each group become expert	-jigsaw method: one student let	from EDCP331 por		s given (simplified) copy		containing landscape and (in	a familiar photograph sar	-group work: each group given Ac	Activities:			5. Lesson Objectives: Intro to 6.
			to occur today?	What would happen if this was	-proposing another scenario:		Transition to next lesson:		exit slip: how would you feel?	scenario	"imagine you were there"	Assessment: -two-minute		from 1914	-Canadian immigration policy	-Vancouver archival images		Resources & Annotations:		et into Canada and why	post-activity regarding who we	-teacher prompted questions	"their" photograph)	student per group as expert on	(including use of "jigsaw": one	same format as lesson 5	Activities: -visual literacy:		Komagata Maru incident	we let in and why? The	6. Lesson Objectives: Who
someone else's shoes) -building empathy	incidents (putting yourself in	Drama-re-enacting the	Transition to next lesson:	monument	government-sanctioned	-teacher tells about	incident	part of the Komagata Maru	member being turned away as	feel having had a family	policy today, how would you	Assessment: -Knowing the		-current Canadian img policy	-Tamil Tiger images	-CBC news clip	Resources & Annotations:		let into Canada and why	post-activity regarding who we	-teacher prompted questions	-same format as lesson 5 jigsaw	handout	to a similar "visual literacy"	incident, have students respond	-show a media clip from the	Activities: -visual literacy:		Tamil Tigers incident	we let in and why? Focus on	7. Lesson Objectives: Who do
about immigration	poetryexpose students to	-Explore idea of image to		Transition to next lesson:		in a certain role	observe willingness to engage	Assessment: -circulate to		drama	-wardrobe/props for use in	both incidents	-quotes and facts surrounding	Resources & Annotations:	-	they "fit in" in Vancouver.	from talking to others where	answers, they will find out	responsibilities, questions and	-each will have roles,	government	reporter, or member of	outside Vancouver, media	citizen, Canadian citizen from	either immigrant, Vancouver	-each student gets a role card:	Activities:		past incidents	humanizing history-role play of	8. Lesson Objectives: -

How to represent your interview piece in a creative way. Explore mediums to represent something: - Stories picture books Activities: Resources & Annotations: Assessment: Transition to next lesson:
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Title of Project: Honouring Someone's Story Year: grade 5/6

Description: Conducting an interview to learn about the personal stories that make up Canada and sharing it through a creative work piece

Objectives: B2 and A3

	PRESENT ORALLY Present work piece and answer either the first two or last two of the questions below	Criteria PRODUCE a creative work piece representing your interview Include: an interview piece that affected you
	degree to which student justifies the use of their work piece to answer their question	• degree of connection between interview story and work piece • degree of teacher support • Degree of effort - time use in class took risks - set high standards for self - looked for ways to improve work - came prepared
	 does not answer question in a way that demonstrates understanding to immigration stories in Canada 	Improvement Not yet meeting expectations unclear link with the interview story and the work piece required great deal of teacher support showed little to no effort consistently throughout the term
	*answers question in a way that shows some understanding immigration stories in Canada	Level 2 - Good Meets expectations •clear connection with the interview story and the work piece • some teacher support required •Showed evidence of effort, but not consistent throughout the unit
	answers question in a way that shows understanding and connection with immigration stories in Canada	Level 3 - Very Good Fully meets expectations • very clear connection with the interview story and the work piece • little or no teacher support required • Shows-evidence of consistent effort
Total 16 marks	answers question in a way that shows deep understanding and empathy towards immigration stories in Canada	Outstanding Exceeds expectations • shows understanding with interview story and person through their work piece • used teacher support only for minimal clarification • shows evidence of high degree of effort

- Why did you choose this interview piece?
 How did this interview piece help you understand immigration?
 Why did you choose this way of representing your interview piece?
 How does your work piece help the class understand your interviewee's story?