

# BERT CHURCH HIGH SCHOOL

## Social Studies 20–1: PERSPECTIVES ON NATIONALISM

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### GOAL OF SOCIAL STUDIES

The overall goal of all Social Studies is to provide opportunities for students to develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge that will enable them to become engaged, active, informed and responsible citizens. Recognition and respect for individual and collective identity is essential in a pluralistic and democratic society. Social studies helps students develop their sense of self and community, encouraging them to affirm their place as citizens in an inclusive, democratic society.

### OVERVIEW OF SOCIAL 20-1

Students will explore the complexities of nationalism in Canadian and international contexts. They will study the origins of nationalism and the influence of nationalism on regional, international and global relations. The infusion of multiple perspectives will allow students to develop understandings of nationalism and how nationalism contributes to the citizenship and identities of peoples in Canada.

### KEY AND RELATED ISSUES

#### **Key Issue: To what extent should we embrace nationalism?**

While nationalism has historically examined the relationship of the citizen to the state, contemporary understandings of nationalism include evolving individual, collective, national and state realities. Exploring the complexities of nationalism will contribute to an understanding and appreciation of the interrelationships among nations, nationalism, internationalism, globalization, and citizenship and identity. Developing understandings of the various points of view associated with nationalism as well as an appreciation for the perspectives of others will encourage students to develop personal/civic responses to issues related to nationalism.

#### **Related Issues:**

1. To what extent should nation be the foundation of identity?
2. To what extent should nations pursue national interest
3. To what extent should internationalism be pursued?
4. To what extent should individuals and groups in Canada embrace a national identity?

### COURSE EVALUATION:

<b>Major Assessments</b>	<b>30%</b>	(MC Exams, large projects)
<b>Writing/Composition</b>	<b>30%</b>	(SA/PP, paragraph/journal)
<b>Daily/Weekly Assessments</b>	<b>15%</b>	(Readings, sm. projects, quiz)
<b>Final Exam</b>	<b>25%</b>	(MC + Position Paper)

### APPEALS

Any course mark may be appealed within 7 days. Normally, it is discussed with a teacher and/or Guidance before referral to administration. Consult the Student Handbook.

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY POLICY**

At Bert Church High School, and across all academia, integrity and honesty are critical. Throughout your educational career you will find that the consequences for submitting work that is not your own are very serious. Submitting your own work is not only the only way you can grow as a learner, but is also the only way that teachers can determine if you are meeting course outcomes and give you credit for your efforts.

Any work that does not meet expectations for originality and honesty will not be assessed until work that reflects a student's understandings of course goals/outcomes is submitted. This may affect a student's overall course grade and, in some cases, their ability to move to the next level.

In all cases of academic dishonesty parents and school administration will be notified and disciplinary action may result.

## **TEST POLICY**

All multiple choice and written exams are the property of the Social Studies Department for the purpose of evaluation and will be kept by the teacher. Students wishing to review a test may do so after school hours, with supervision, in the school. A week's notice or more will be given for unit exams. Any exam missed will be written immediately upon return to school.

## **LIFE IN MR. H'S CLASS**

- Food/beverage permitted, please respect the room and dispose/recycle appropriately
- Please comply with assigned seating arrangement unless indicated otherwise
- Mr. H reserves the right to confiscate any electronic device, to be returned at his discretion
- Mr. H is legally required to have students notify him before leaving the room during class

## **COURSE MATERIAL & CONTROVERSY MATERIAL**

Social Studies is an inherently political subject area; Social Studies material at Bert Church, however, is presented free of any political agenda. There is no emphasis on, nor is there a deliberate effort to promote, any particular ideology or perspective. The goal of Social Studies is to expose students to a variety of perspectives; as such, the course may involve exploring issues which challenge personal beliefs, and students should be prepared to engage appropriately with a diversity of opinions.

You should never feel that your personal beliefs are being intentionally marginalized, attacked, or misrepresented. If you have concerns in this regard, please feel free to approach Mr. Hoe in confidence and the matter will be addressed in a mature, respectful fashion.