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**"GLOBAL AND REGIONAL
CONFLICTS HAVE BEEN A
POWERFUL FORCE IN SHAPING
OUR CONTEMPORARY WORLD
AND IDENTITIES."**

**"THERE'S NO RACISM IN CANADA.."
ADDRESSING RACISM IN THE REFUGEE
EXPERIENCE?**

**"WORLDVIEWS LEAD
TO DIFFERENT
PERSPECTIVES AND
IDEAS ABOUT
DEVELOPMENTS IN
CANADIAN SOCIETY."**

**"THERE'S NO RACISM IN
CANADA," IS A PHRASE
COMMONLY USED TO DESCRIBE
CANADA'S TOLERANT AND
PLEASANT NATURE, BUT A
STRING OF HATE CRIMES,
MASS KILLINGS AND RACISM
AGAINST ETHNICITIES ERODES
THE NATION'S
PICTURE-PERFECT IMAGE."
(ARAB NEWS, 2022, PARA. 1)**

**"HISTORICAL AND
CONTEMPORARY
INJUSTICES
CHALLENGE THE
NARRATIVE AND
IDENTITY OF CANADA
AS AN INCLUSIVE,
MULTICULTURAL
SOCIETY."**

**HOW TOLERANT IS
CANADA TO
REFUGEES?**

**"THE DEVELOPMENT OF
POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS
IS INFLUENCED BY
ECONOMIC, SOCIAL,
IDEOLOGICAL, AND
GEOGRAPHIC FACTORS."**

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"Canada's official government website states that diversity and inclusion are cornerstones of Canadian identity, a source of social and economic strength. The image of Canadians in the world's eye is primarily positive, warm, generous, polite, always saying please, thank you and sorry. The London based Legatum Institute also listed the country as the most tolerant in the world in 2015. However, a lurking darkness behind Canada's gilded image is slowly seeping into public view as discriminatory, Islamophobic, anti-Semitic and racist acts are on the rise" ([Arab News, 2022, para. 2](#)).



EXPLORE

For more information about refugees and their challenges, see:

- [Refugee couple say false accusation and systemic racism tore their family apart](#) (2022), news article published by CBC News.
- [Children of Syria: A Syrian family becomes a refugee family](#) (2016), documentary produced by PBS Learning Media [4 minutes].
- [What drives Islamophobia? American Muslims: Fact vs. fiction](#) (2015), documentary produced by PBS Learning Media [1 minute].

EXPAND

Language Arts Curricular Competencies

"The exploration of text and story deepens our understanding of diverse, complex ideas about identity, others, and the world" ([British Columbia Ministry of Education, 2018, p. 2](#)).

"People understand text differently depending on their world views and perspectives" ([British Columbia Ministry of Education, 2018, p. 2](#)).





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