

**St. Mary High School**  
**History 30**  
**"I AM CANADIAN"**



Name:

The following is the transcript from the popular "I Am Canadian" commercial which ran on Canadian Television in the early 2000's.

*Hey,  
I'm not a lumberjack, or a fur trader, and I don't live in a igloo or eat blubber,  
Or own a dog sled, and I don't know Jimmy, Sally or Suzy from Canada,  
Although I'm certain they're really, really nice.  
I have a Prime Minister, not a President. I speak English and French,  
Not American and I pronounce it "about", not "aboot".  
I can proudly sew my country's flag on my backpack.  
I believe in peacekeeping, not policing; diversity, not assimilation;  
and that the beaver is a truly proud and noble animal.  
A toque is a hat, a chesterfield is a couch,  
and it is pronounced "zed"; not "zee" - "zed"!  
Canada is the second largest land mass!  
The first nation of hockey!  
And the best part of North America!  
My name is Joe! And I am Canadian!  
... Thank you.*

Assignment: (30 marks)

1. Why is Joe proud to be Canadian? List reasons. (3 marks)
2. What are some of things mentioned that are not Canadian? (2 marks)
3. What Canadian things are you proud of? (5 marks)
4. Write your own version of "I Am Canadian", outlining some of the things you identified as reasons for being Canadian. (10 marks)
5. You will present it to the class. (10 marks)