

CANADA'S NATIONAL MEMORIAL

The conclusion of the First World War gained Canada recognition on the world stage due greatly to the valour, bravery, and courage of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces. The citizens of Canada lost many husbands, fathers, brothers, and friends on both the land and water battlefields between 1914 and 1918. It was therefore essential to the Canadian people that the sacrifice of these soldiers not be forgotten and forever commemorated in a National Monument. *The essential question weighing on the Canadian Government was **WHERE?***

In 1920 the Canadian Government announced that the Imperial War Grave Commission had awarded Canada eight potential sites on which to erect its monument:

FIVE IN FRANCE: Vimy, Bourlon (Canada's Hundred Days), Wood, Le Quesnel (Battle of Amiens), Sury and Courcellette (Somme)

THREE IN BELGIUM: St. Julien, Hill 62; Sanctuary Wood (Ypres Salient) and Passchendaele.

PART A: Location, Location, Location!

- ~ Each group of 4 students will be assigned to **ONE** the above locations.
- ~ As a group, you will create a presentation to *convince the committee that your location is the best spot for Canada's National War Memorial.*
- ~ A question period will follow each presentation, by the other groups! *(Therefore be aware of the positive and negative aspects of the other potential location.)*

QUESTIONS TO KEEP IN MIND:

How is this location tied to Canada?

Does this location represent the entire Country?

Does the history of this location commemorate all Canadian soldiers?

Does the bravery and sacrifice of this location personify the ideals of Canadianism?

In what form should the commemoration be?
(Look to other countries commemorations for ideas)

What advantages does your location have over the other sites?

PART B: Presentation Procedure

- ~ Groups will be seated in a circle.
- ~ **Rock, Paper, Scissor** tournament will decide the order of presentation.
- ~ **OPENING ARGUMENTS:** (3-5 minutes) Each Group will present their opening arguments. This should contain your reasoning for why your location is the one that should be chosen.
- ~ **REBUTTAL:** (3 minutes) Each Group in order will be given the opportunity to respond to the other groups arguments.
- ~ **QUESTION PERIOD:** (15 minutes) Groups may ask questions of the other groups.
- ~ **OPEN DISCUSSION:** Once all arguments by panel are complete, referee will open discussion to the entire group
- ~ **CLOSING ARGUMENTS:** (3 minutes) Summarize for the group your reasoning as to why your location should be chosen as the site for the National Monument.

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Categories	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
Knowledge	Ideas and arguments reflect limited knowledge of relevant facts	Ideas and arguments reflect some knowledge of relevant facts	Ideas and arguments reflect solid knowledge of relevant facts	Ideas and arguments reflect sophisticated knowledge of relevant facts
Thinking & Inquiry	Provides limited analysis, interpretation or evaluation of information presented	Provides some analysis interpretation and/or evaluation of information presented	Adequate analyses, interprets and/ or evaluates information presented	Analyses, interprets and/or evaluates information presented in insightful ways
Communication	Arguments are unconvincing	Arguments are convincing to some degree	Makes arguments convincingly	Makes arguments in a highly convincing way
	Rebuttals are unconvincing	Rebuttals are convincing to some degree	Rebuttals are convincing	Rebuttals are convincing and insightful
	Speech lacks fluency, expressiveness and/or audibility	Speaks fluently, expressively and audibly some of the time	Speaks fluently, expressively and audibly	Speaks in a highly skilled way
	Demonstrates limited attentiveness when others are speaking	Attends to others when they are speaking most of the time	Listens attentively when others are speaking	Listens attentively and critically when others are speaking (taking notes)
Application	Has difficulty drawing conclusions form arguments	Draws simple conclusions from ideas presented	Draws logical conclusions from ideas	Draws insightful conclusions from ideas