Canada:

A Nation Unfolding

Please answer the following questions and be prepared to discuss next class.

Although Canada was automatically at war when Britain entered WWI, we were able to decide how we would support the war effort and to what degree. Canadians were conflicted on this issue.

**Chapter 6**

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1. Did many men choose to enlist? Explain.
2. What was Valcartier?
3. What were the issues with the Ross Rifle?
4. How did soldiers acquire Lee-Enfield rifles?
5. What conditions did the Canadians soldiers face when they arrived in England (Salisbury Plain)? What were they so happy to receive? Why is this shocking? What did they practice there to prepare for war?

**Chapter 7**

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1. What does ***xenophobia*** mean? \*glossary\*
2. Why did so many Canadians know little of what the soldiers on the front-line were enduring? Why would the government intervene in this way?
3. Explain how Canadians at home helped the war effort. (there is more to war than fighting on the front-lines)
* What was the Canadian Patriotic fund used for?
* What did the military hospitals commission do?
* What did women’s voluntary societies do?
* What did the YMCA do?
* Why did families change their eating habits?
* How did other women, and children help out?
1. Which racial groups were discriminated against in terms of being permitted to enlist?
2. What excuses did officials offer to justify such exclusion?
3. Why were minorities eventually allowed to enlist?
4. Were racial minorities treated with respect once they were permitted to enlist? Explain.
5. What was the job of the No. 2 Construction Battalion?