

Theme / Topic:

Point System for immigration in Canada

Big Idea:

- Were some groups disproportionately affected by the introduction of the point system?
 - Groups facing systemic issues with getting proper education or work experience were ineligible to immigrate to Canada
- The point system has become harder each year since its inception
 - Is the system just meeting the demands of Canada or is it setting the bar too high?
- Canada has been losing out in talent for decades now, the earliest example being the Avro Arrow
 - Is the Canadian point system too focused on supplying the workforce that it glosses over talented individuals wanting to come to Canada but do not fit within the mould of ideal working Canadian?

Next Steps:

- Sources:
 - CBC
 - The Canadian Encyclopedia
 - Immigrants
 - Canada.ca
- Are there initiatives for Canada to seem more appealing to talent?
- Is the system just meeting the demands of Canada or is it setting the bar too high?

Questions/Concerns I Have

- I am very confused as to what this assignment is asking us to do
 - Posing the question: How is the point system critical to what it means to be Canadian?
 - Makes it clear that I need to address what it means to be Canadian, but does this mean that I need to focus on why the point system is good for Canada?
 - Based on "continuity and change", am I going to compare the point system from when it was made to the point system today?
 - Am I supposed to be critical to the point system?
 - If I wanted to pivot and investigate a different topic like McCarthyism in Canada, would it have to support Canada and speak to how great of a nation it is?
 - Could it be critical of Canada but somehow prove that those shortcomings are critical to being Canadian?
- It's mainly just the concern above - it's both scaring and confusing me - **did our conversation today help? Please send back your revised focus/big idea and questions**

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