

Social Studies 9: What Can we Learn from Artifacts?

Our Unit Questions

- Where are the **traces** of **exploration, expansion** and/or **colonialization** in our community and the world?
- What **artifacts** remain and/or are being created to **honour** the past, present and future in **ethical** ways?
- How can we communicate and educate other about the **traces** of **colonialism**?

Important vocabulary to know and use

exploration	resources	short term
expansion	civilizations	long term
colonization	cause & consequence	perspective
values & beliefs	worldview	ethical judgement
artifacts	traces	honour

What are the goals and how will we meet them?

Our Goals for this Unit

Summative Task Activities

Content Goal: I know exploration, expansion, and colonization	Choose an artifact that was created and celebrated in the name of exploration, expansion and/or colonialization
Curricular Competency Goal: I can determine which causes most influenced particular decisions, actions, or events, and assess their short-and long-term consequences (cause and consequence)	Why was this artifact created? What was it celebrating?
Curricular Competency Goal: I can explain different perspectives on past or present people, places, issues, or events, and compare the values, worldviews, and beliefs of human cultures and societies in different times and places (perspective)	What do you think the response to this artifact would have been at the time? What are some alternative perspectives of the celebration of this artifact?
Curricular Competency Goal: I can make ethical judgments about past events, decisions, or actions, and assess the limitations of drawing direct lessons from the past (ethical judgment)	What would be your ethical judgement, as to whether or not this artifact should continue to be celebrated and/or maintained?