

Student Handout: Unit 3 Lesson 1



Years of Promise

Suggested time: 1 Hour

What's important in this lesson:

The post-war period was a time of economic expansion and growth of the youth culture in Canada. The purpose of this lesson is to reinforce your understanding of the establishment of the nuclear family, the suburban lifestyle and the influence of youth culture in the mainstream Canadian culture.

Complete these steps:

1. Using *The Canadiana Scrapbook, Years of Promise: Canada 1945-1963*, answer the questions on “Years of Promise”, Handout 1. Hand these in for evaluation.
2. **Reflection:** Write a paragraph comparing your life to that of a teenager in the 1950's. You might want to consider:
 - School
 - Home life
 - Music
 - Dress.

Hand-in the following to your teacher:

1. Answers to “Years of Promise”, Handout 1 questions
2. Reflection paragraph

Questions for the teacher:

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Years of Promise: Canada 1945-1963

There are five sections to this assignment. Answer questions for all five sections. Please use proper sentence format and include a title page.

Adjusting to Peace:

1. How many veterans entered civilian life in “Number of Returning Veterans”? (1)
2. What industries would have their production reduced? (2)
3. What percentage of Canada’s population served in Canada’s armed forces?(1)
4. What was a war bride? (1)
5. Who is demonstrating in photos a and b? (2)
6. What problems would returning soldiers have? (2)

Suburbia: The Best of Two Worlds

1. Studying the “Growth of Urban Population” statistics, which decade shows the greatest movement toward cities? Which decade showed the least amount of movement toward cities? (2)
2. Define the term suburbia. (2)
3. Explain why suburbia offered the best of city and country living? (2)
4. What made suburban living possible? (1)
5. Why were Canadians able to buy new homes in 1950`s? (2)

The Baby Boom:

1. Define the term ‘baby boom’. (1)
2. What is meant by natural increase, and birth rate? (2)
3. Why did the birth rate increase from 1946 to 1965? (2)
4. Why did this baby boom take place? (2)

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High School Canada:

1. Provide 5 differences between your high school and high school in Canada during this period of time. (5)
2. What subjects did students have to take in high school during this period? (3)
3. State four rules in high school during this period of time. (4)