

Performance Assessment Task

Canadian: To Be or Not To Be

In January 2010 a catastrophic earthquake struck the small island nation of Haiti. The magnitude 7.0 quake decimated the capital city of Port-au-Prince and left over a million people homeless. Faced with the devastation, many people are attempting to immigrate to other nations, including Canada. As an Immigration Officer in Canada, the Minister of Immigration has requested you make a recommendation on whether or not to allow any or some of these islanders to immigrate to Canada.

In your recommendation you need to do the following.

Analyze Immigration Policy

As background information for the Minister, examine how a world issue from the past led to a change in Canadian immigration policy. Explain how economic, political, health, and/or security factors motivated this change.

Make and Justify Recommendation

In order to make your recommendation, you will need to complete the following steps.

- Research current Canadian immigration policies.
- Research current Haitian post-earthquake context.
- Use what you have researched to consider potential implications of how approving the immigration of Haitians could affect Canadian economics, politics, health and/or security.

Based on the historical information, your research, and your consideration of potential implications, formulate and justify a recommendation to the Minister of Immigration in regard to Haitian immigration. Select a format you believe appropriate for delivering your submission.

Graphic Organizer – Canadian: To Be or Not To Be

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Use this graphic organizer to help you consider possible implications of Haitian immigration to Canada. Gather information about current Canadian immigration policy and the way of life of Haitian people as they relate to the factors. Use the information gathered to determine possible implications of the impact of immigration. This will assist in creating the justification for your recommendation.

In order to determine reasonable implications, you need to

- use information from credible sources;
- avoid stereotyping; and
- remain focused on the factors.

	What information about Haitian way of life would assist in making inferences about these questions?	Possible Implications of Impact of Immigration
Economics How might the Haitians impact the production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services?		
Politics How might the Haitians influence the structure of our government?		
Health What effect might the Haitians have on our health care system?		
Security What challenge might the Haitians pose to our established practices and laws?		

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Level Criteria	Excellent	Proficient	Adequate	Limited *	Insufficient / Blank *
Analyze immigration policy (9.1.8.1, 9.1.8.2, 9.S.2.1)	Provides an insightful analysis of factors that have impacted immigration policy in the past.	Provides a meaningful analysis of factors that have impacted immigration policy in the past.	Provides a simplistic analysis of factors that have impacted immigration policy in the past.	Provides a trivial analysis of factors that have impacted immigration policy in the past.	No score is awarded because there is insufficient evidence of student performance based on the requirements of the assessment task.
Justify recommendation (9.1.8, 9.S.7.2, 9.S.7.3, 9.S.7.4)	Provides a compelling justification for recommendation.	Provides a convincing justification for recommendation.	Provides a plausible justification for recommendation.	Provides a weak justification for recommendation.	

* When work is judged to be limited or insufficient, the teacher makes decisions about appropriate intervention to help the student improve.