

New Curriculum Expectations

Grade 6 Social Studies

Strand A. Heritage and Identity: Communities in Canada, Past and Present

What's new in 2023?

Experiences and contributions of Jewish communities and the impact of Antisemitism on these communities

Learning about settler and newcomer groups in Canada has been expanded to explicitly include experiences and contributions of Jewish communities. Students learn to identify some of the impacts of antisemitism on these communities' development and/or identities.

See **A3.7**

Strand B. People and Environments: Canada's Interactions with the Global Community

What's new in 2023?

Canadian government response to the Holocaust, acts of hate and human rights violations

Learning on the responses of the Canadian government to human rights violations during the Holocaust.

Learning on the impact that global changes in understanding and legislation around human rights since World War II have had on the development of Canada's responses to acts of hate and human rights violations.

Why Does This Matter?

In light of what we see currently happening in the world today, teaching about the Holocaust is crucial to understanding how quickly Antisemitism can grow and proliferate in a society.

Holocaust education teaches empathy and understanding. It allows students to hear experiences of the Holocaust through stories and/or testimony that impact and change how they think and feel about the Jewish community, and by extension, communities that are different from themselves.

There has never been a more important time in our history to learn from our past!