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Turning the Tide: 1939 to D-Day



Turning the Tide takes viewers from Canada's declaration of war to the D-Day invasion of Normandy. It is a period of maturation, from the enthusiastic rush as Canada joins the war effort, to the historic landings in France and Italy, as fighting men and civilians at home begin to appreciate the realities of war.

In 1939, Canada was an agrarian society with little influence on the world stage; a country of small cities, cottage industries and insignificant armed forces. By 1945, Canada had been transformed into a progressive, productive middle power respected throughout the world for its efforts overseas and at home during the Second World War.

The three-volume **Canada Remembers** series, presented on three videocassettes, each consisting of two 1/2-hour segments, draws on personal anecdotes and archival footage to tell the story of Canada and Canadians during six of the most significant years in our history. The challenges facing Canadians were enormous, but men and women from all walks of life changed the way they lived, made sacrifices, learned new skills and worked hard. They strived to end oppression and protect freedom and in the process, they built a stronger country. The series helps students to understand the sacrifices that were made, the spirit of the times and perhaps, to find a model for dealing with the challenges Canadians face today. Most of all, the series will make students proud of Canada and the contributions Canadians made during and after the war.

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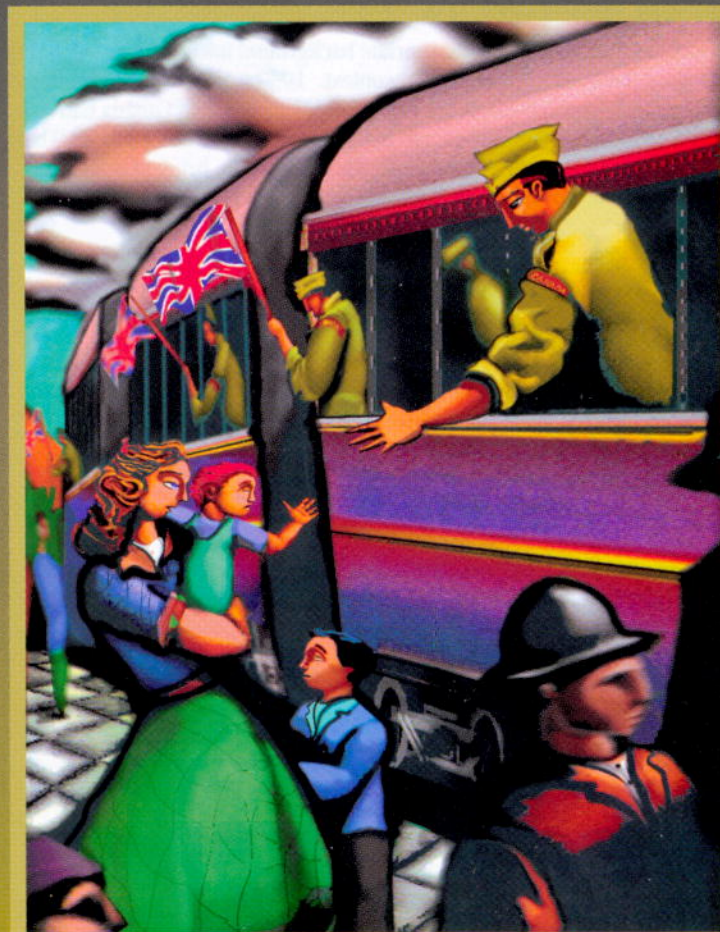
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BEFORE SCREENING THE VIDEO

Students should be given appropriate background information so that they can place the 1939-1945 period in context. 1939 was only 20 years after the traumatic experiences of the First World War, in which Canada had played a significant role. What had happened in Canada since 1919? What had happened internationally to bring the world to the brink of a second upheaval? Why did Canada declare war, and how was this different from 1914?

Ask students to suggest reasons why Canadians would enlist.

Have students suggest reasons why the mood of the country might be different from that of 1914.

Have students work in groups to develop ideas about the possible impact of war on civilians on the home front; for service personnel overseas; for women; for Canada as a country.

AFTER SCREENING THE VIDEO

During the video, Frieda Bindman Dougherty says of the war years, "we were shaped by them." What does she mean? How did the war experience shape Canada and its people?

Why was the Atlantic so crucially important to the Allied war effort?

How did the war come into the living rooms of Canadian homes?

Why would the government impose rules concerning what could be reported and how? When? Do you agree with these limitations?

How would the construction of an air base nearby affect a community in the 1940s? What impact would it have in 1995?

Why would it be crucial for activities on the home front to be coordinated with the Allied efforts in Britain in the lead-up to D-Day?



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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

What was the role and importance during the Second World War of either (a) C.D. Howe; or (b) Mackenzie King?

Describe the development of the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan. Why would Canada agree to this plan? How important was it to the Allied war effort? What was the plan's economic impact on Canada? What impact did it have on your area?

What contributions did Canada make to the organization and defence of convoys crossing the Atlantic?

Discuss the Dieppe raid under the following headings: a) reasons for the raid; b) objectives of the raid; c) events; d) results; e) lessons learned from D-Day. Why is the Dieppe raid still controversial?

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