

Canada Remembers

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The Liberators: D-Day to the Rhine



Canadian troops fight their way from the shores of France through Italy toward Germany, liberating countless European towns and cities. An important long-lasting relationship is forged with the Dutch people. At home, Canadians put their hearts into the war effort, with spectacular results. Canadian industry supplies not only its own army, but the British, Russian and other Allied forces as well.

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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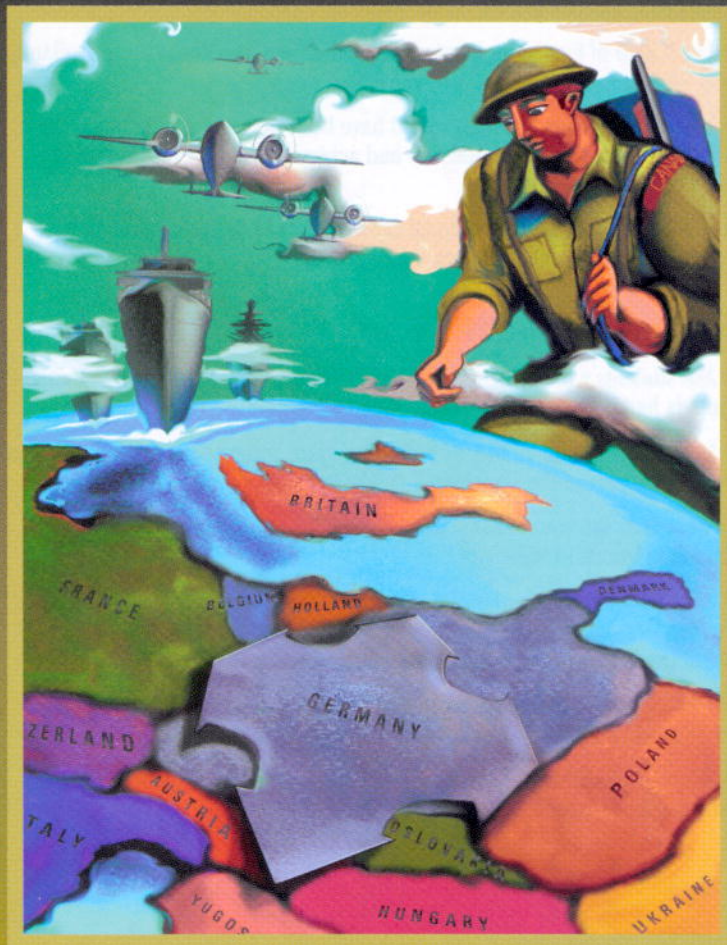
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BEFORE SCREENING THE VIDEO

▶ Use a map of Europe to locate Normandy, Caen, the Rhine River, Holland, and Germany.

▶ Have students suggest what would have been necessary to maintain the Allied troops in Europe, once they had achieved a successful landing at Normandy.

▶ Before 1939, in what traditional activities would Canadian women have been involved? How did the war change this?

AFTER SCREENING THE VIDEO

▶ Ask students what evidence they have to demonstrate the fact that by 1944 Canada had become an industrial country.

▶ Explain the comment that by collecting items for salvage, children felt that they "were part of the war effort."

▶ What does the song "D-Day Dodgers" tell us about the mood of the Canadian troops in Italy?

▶ Why do you think that Louis Audette was so emotional when he described the dead seaman who had no identification? What does this incident reveal about the nature of the war in the Atlantic?

▶ Why did such strong bonds develop between Canada and Holland? Do these bonds still exist? What evidence do you have of this?

▶ Why were Jews singled out by the German occupation forces for particularly harsh treatment?



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RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

▶ What major technological, scientific and medical advances came out of the Second World War? Where and how are these applied today?

▶ What obstacles did women encounter as they took on non-traditional roles?

▶ What was the Holocaust? What efforts did the Dutch make to save the Jews?

▶ Imagine that you are growing up in wartime Canada and write an imaginary diary to record your impressions of life in 1942-1944.

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