

Look at the following pictures. Predict what the video will be about.



Which picture expresses stereotypes about Canadians?



Tom Brokaw Explains Canada to Americans

This was a video clip aired on NBC on February 12, 2010, prior to the opening ceremonies of the 2010 Winter Olympics.

1. What does Canada and America have in common? (check)

<input type="checkbox"/> Population size	<input type="checkbox"/> Shoreline
<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Amount of Oil
<input type="checkbox"/> Border	<input type="checkbox"/> Seas
<input type="checkbox"/> Mountains	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife
<input type="checkbox"/> Immigrant Population	<input type="checkbox"/> Political History

2. Tom explains that our relationship is comfortable as neighbours. Give support for his idea.
 - 1.5 Billion dollars in trade are exchanged every day.
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

3. Canadian facts:

Population _____

Size _____

Where do Canadian people live? _____

Coldest temperature _____

4. In which situations in history have Canadians supported America?
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

5. Tom describes the relationship between Canada and America as

6. John F. Kennedy also sums up the relationship between these two countries

“Geography has made us _____, history has made us _____, economics has made us _____, and necessity has made us _____. Those whom nature have so joined together, let no man put **asunder**.”

Look back at the quote. What do you think asunder means here?

7. The two journalists describe some differences between America and Canada. What are they?

- _____
- _____
- _____

Discussion

1. At the time of the video release where were you? Did you watch the Olympics? What were your country's medal standings?
2. What do you think of the video? Did you recognize any places?
3. Did you learn anything new about Canada and the United States?
4. Why do you think Canada needs to be explained to Americans?
5. Do you think there are any stereotypes of Canada here?
6. Would you say your country has a close relationship with bordering countries? Explain why or why not.
7. Again, list three adjectives to describe your country.