

A Complex Country

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Here is one Canadian's description of Canada:



Canada is ...

An experienced country, even an old country, with long-established, stable patterns. Its strength—you might even say what makes it interesting—is its complexity... That complexity has been constructed upon three deeply rooted pillars, three experiences—the aboriginal, the francophone and the anglophone.

John Ralston Saul, *Reflections of a Siamese Twin: Canada at the End of the Twentieth Century*. Toronto: Viking, 1997. (John Ralston Saul is a Canadian writer and philosopher.)

1. Note some adjectives that describe this writer's view of Canada.

2. Do you agree with this description? Explain your answer.

3. The writer believes that Canada is complex because it has been built on the foundation of three peoples: Aboriginal, French, and English. Do you agree? Why or why not?

4. Now, write your own "quotation" about Canada based on what you have studied so far about its history.
