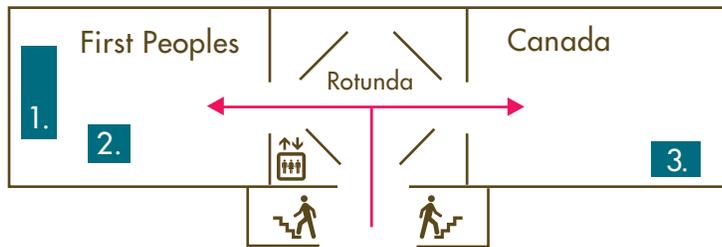
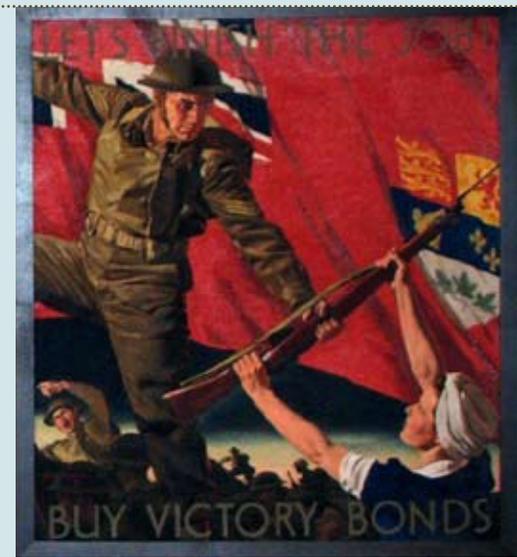


First Peoples & Canada Level 1



Sit your students in front of the bear post and ask the following Q questions:

Stand your students around the case which holds the warrior robe:



Sit students in front of the painting:

3. The War at Home

? Look at the top painting titled "Glorious Britannia", designed by Rex Woods for the cover of the Canadian Home Journal, May 1935.

Q What is the woman wearing and holding and what does this tell us about her? She is wearing classical Greek-inspired clothing, helmet and breast plate, and she carries a cup, trident and shield. She is a warrior, like the Greek goddess Athena, victorious.

Q What symbol is represented on her shield and why? The Union Jack, which emphasizes Canada's close ties to Britain and the Commonwealth.

Q What does the lion represent in the painting? Power, strength, royalty, many answers.

? The painting titled "Buy War Bonds" reminds us that the women of Canada went to work in factories to make weapons for the soldiers. Some soldiers had been workers in those same factories before going to war.

? Look at the third painting and notice the colour scheme, facial expressions and symbols. This painting has a very different feel from the others. Discuss their differences. The colours are dull greys and browns, the expressions are sombre, and the symbols of crosses and poppies remind us of the devastating effects of war.

Q How do you feel when you see the dead soldiers? Is this image pro-war or anti-war? The image is anti-war, it creates feelings of sadness, fear... many answers.

? The poppies in the painting derive their symbolism from the famous Canadian poem "In Flanders' Fields" written by John McCrae in 1918.

2. War Record Robe

? Look at the robe. It belonged to an aboriginal warrior from the Great Plains; he is depicted on this robe in many ways. He is shown wearing a straight-up feather bonnet or holding a painted shield. He is also shown as an abstract hand shooting a gun or capturing objects like a lance. ?

? This robe depicts 80 distinct war deeds performed by this single Black-foot warrior in the 1800s.

Q Where do you see the warrior represented as a hand on this robe? Find at least five scenes and what he captured. Arrows, knife, spear-blade, bow, quiver for holding arrows.

? Look for the horse hoof prints in the corners of the robe. They represent horses the warrior has captured from the enemy.

? The warrior is shown with his whip in front of the horses; this represents him giving the horses away to his people.



1. Family and Home

? Look at the carving of the bear. It is a post that held up the centre beam of a house on the West Coast. West Coast Aboriginal Peoples lived in large extended family groups.

Q How many people live in your house? Many answers.

? The Aboriginal Peoples thought of a home as the body of their ancestors.

Q What qualities of the bear would be important to the family that lived in this house? Large, strong, powerful and human-like, the bear is also seen to be wise! ?

? The wolf is another animal with important qualities; it is revered for its skill as a hunter.

Q What animal would you use to represent your family or personality and why? Many answers.

? Look in the gallery

Q Ask Students Questions

? Facts of Great Magnitude

? Student Activity Guide Connection