



Read the poem *I Am A Canadian* by Duke Redbird. This poem explores different thoughts on what it means to be Canadian. This poem is a free-verse poem because it just lists different ideas and thoughts without following a specific pattern.

**Your assignment:**

You are going to write your own **sonnet**, (it can be either English or Italian) about what it means to be Canadian. Think of things like:



- Culture / Canadian Identity
- "Canadian" activities like hockey, curling, lacrosse, hunting
- Your favourite Canadian places
- Our national anthem
- Your own ideas



A good idea is to follow these steps:

1. Brainstorm ideas / Choose Format
2. Collect and organize ideas into **lines** and **stanzas**
3. Write rough copies
4. Edit your work for spelling, grammar and clarity
5. Create a final copy



You will then create a visual display for your poem, representing your ideas of Canada.

You will be marked on a number of areas so be sure to read this carefully:

**Success Criteria:**

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| A. The poem | <input type="checkbox"/> Poem demonstrates knowledge of a sonnet form<br><input type="checkbox"/> Covers what it means to "be Canadian" in your mind<br><input type="checkbox"/> Uses at least three <b>poetic devices</b> (rhyme counts!)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Poem is thoughtful, creative, and shows effort<br><input type="checkbox"/> Poem has a flow to it<br><input type="checkbox"/> Poem is edited for spelling, grammar and clear ideas |
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**/20 (Application)**

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| B. The display | <input type="checkbox"/> A creative, thoughtful visual display has been created<br><input type="checkbox"/> Size of display at least the same as 2 8.5x11 pieces of paper<br><input type="checkbox"/> Display includes words, ideas, images, etc. that are Canadian<br><input type="checkbox"/> Poem and title are included on display (and poet's name!) |
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**/10 (Communication)**

**GRAND TOTAL: /30**