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I AM CANADA

I Am Canada Interview

Work with a partner to act out an interview with the main character in the book. One partner will pretend to be the character as an adult. The other partner is the interviewer who is asking the character to reminisce about his childhood.

Preparation

- Read the epilogue to remember what happened to the character after the book ended.
- Brainstorm a list of questions to ask the character, some about the time before the book, some about the time period covered in the diary, and some about his later life. (Remember that some of the questions should be answered with information from the book, but other questions could draw on things you learned about the period in your research, or could just ask for personal responses. You might even want to throw in a surprise question or two!)
- Choose ten of your best questions and check to make sure you are asking them in a logical order.
- Work together to prepare the answers for the questions.
- Practise the interview with your partner. Try as much as possible not to read from your script.

Presentation

- The interviewer introduces her/himself and welcomes the character being interviewed.
- Present the questions and answers you created and rehearsed.
- At the end of the interview, thank the character.

After listening to several interviews, discuss how others interpreted the character. Did they create different kinds of people? If everyone was using the same information in the diary as their starting point, why did different versions of the character appear in the interviews? Did they ask different kinds of questions?