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# **I AM CANADA**

## Writing a Review of an I Am Canada Book

**You have been asked to write a review of an I Am Canada book for the magazine, Canadian History Today. Your task is not only to discuss whether the diary is good literature, you also need to comment on its value as history. Make sure you answer the following questions:**

- Who is the author of the book? What other books has he written?
- Does the author have a personal or family connection to this story or this event in history? If so, what is it? Do you think such a connection would make it easier or more difficult to write about the event?
- What important event in Canadian history is featured in this story? Why is this event worth writing a book about? What kinds of things does the book tell us about that are often missing from non-fiction history books?
- After reading about the life of a fictional boy in this period of history, do you think life was better or worse then? Defend your answer.
- In what ways has life stayed the same?
- If you could travel to that time, what do you think would be the most difficult thing about living then? What would be the best thing?
- What questions do you have for the real author of the diary? What questions do you have about the time or event in Canadian history portrayed in this book?