

# The Mannequin & the Diary Activity 2 Worksheet

## Symbols of Sacrifice & Emerging Canadian Identity in WWI

### Introduction

In video 5 of Activity 1, you examined the ‘Death Penny’ and learned what the lion and eagle represented. Symbols are an important way of expressing a national identity. Brainstorm some iconic images associated with the Canadian identity.

Symbols are important to a nation’s identity. Before you begin this activity, investigate the meaning of some of Canada’s more important symbols. A good place to start is: <http://www.pch.gc.ca/eng/1363626184104/1363626227047>

### 2.1 Regimental symbols

The 159<sup>th</sup> Battalion (later the Algonquin Regiment) from northern Ontario chose a moose to represent their battalion. Colonel Armstrong, who was placed in charge of recruitment for the newly formed battalion, thought having a ‘Northern Canadian backwoods mascot’ was just the thing the 159<sup>th</sup> Battalion needed. He believed that fostering a strong sense of Northern identity and pride would swell the ranks of his fledging regiment.

1. Visit the website below and pick one of the military badges. Describes what you think the symbol and design represent, and why it might be appropriate for the battalion.

[http://www.britishbadgeforum.com/canadian\\_expeditionary\\_force/cef\\_index.htm](http://www.britishbadgeforum.com/canadian_expeditionary_force/cef_index.htm)

2. Design a different military badge for the regiment you selected in question above. Draw the symbol and write a 50 - 75 word paragraph explaining what your symbol represents.

## **2.2 Regimental Mascots**

Many modern sports teams have mascots – can you think of any?

There is also a long tradition of regimental mascots. In the Themes and Images section of this exhibit there were two examples of regimental mascots: the Princess Patricia's collie dog and the 159<sup>th</sup> Battalion's moose and bear.

1. Pick one of the above examples and explain why you think it was a fitting mascot for the battalion.
  
2. There were many different battalions who went to fight for Canada in WWI. Select one from the British Badge forum you visited above, and then choose what you think is an appropriate mascot for that battalion. Provide an explanation for why you think it is a good choice.

1. Name of battalion or regiment or company:
  
2. Mascot chosen:
  
3. Why is your mascot appropriate for the regiment?