



EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS:

THE ECONOMIC CHALLENGE OF A GENERATION...CANADA STRONGER AT 200



BACKGROUND FOR EDUCATORS

In 2017, Canada celebrates its 150th birthday with a proud history of political, social and economic progress. While the social and political elements are essential to a country's quality of life, the deeper question as Canadians look ahead to the next 50 years is related to economic security and opportunity. What continues to bind us? No matter what political view, racial background or social status, everyone needs commerce in one form or another to put food on the table and provide a better life for their family. Canada has been a land of opportunity and always strived toward ensuring equality and inclusiveness.

The book, "Everybody's Business" will capture the perspectives and vision of Canadians in relation to economic growth and vision for the next 50 years and provide a framework for growth and action. The research for this book is in partnership with the Rotman School of Management and Canadian leaders who are passionate about Canada and its future growth.

The **Canadian Association of Principals** is proud to partner with the authors to engage high school students to share their thoughts as the future leaders of our great country!

The findings from the submitted essays will be included in the book publication, "Everybody's Business". All essays will contribute to the voices of Canadians who will lead the growth and development of Canada for the next 50 years.



STUDENT ESSAY COMPETITION

In only a century and a quarter since Confederation, Canadians have shaped out of the North American wilderness one of the most privileged societies on the face of the earth. Ranking among the seven most prosperous nations in the world, Canada is rich not only in the abundance of our resources and the magnificence of our land, but also in the diversity and the character of our people. We have long been known as one of the most tolerant, progressive, innovative, caring and peaceful societies in existence.

The Will of a Nation: Awakening the Canadian Spirit (1992) by George Radwanski & Julia Luttrell

Canada has come a long way in its 150-year history. Many people would suggest that we reside in a great country; whether it's our standard of living, lifestyle, access to health care, employment and educational opportunities or political rights and liberties, - by many measures, we are privileged to be Canadians. But our history will not ensure continued success for this nation. The world that we live in is constantly evolving and many would argue that Canada must adapt and change with it if we are to be relevant and successful in the 21st century.



Students, we want to know what you think!

High School Students, share your thoughts in an essay between 750 and 1000 words explaining:

What economic opportunities and priorities should Canada establish to ensure continued prosperity and quality of life for the next 50 years?

Your essay may focus on:

- a. one or several arguments that illustrate and support your thesis
- b. public and/or private sector policies in this country
- c. economic, educational, social and or political issues



COMPETITION DETAILS

The winning submission will be awarded a monetary prize of \$1000. As well, the winning essay will be published in the Canadian Association of Principals Spring/Fall 2017 journal and highlighted in the book publication.

Submission deadline- **March 7, 2017 via email to: CAP150essay@gmail.com**

Submissions (750 -1000 words) must be in 12 point Times Roman or Times New Roman font.

Cover page shall include:

- 1) Student name and Grade level
- 2) Teacher/Course Name
- 3) School Name, Community, Province

Only online submissions will be accepted (Word or PDF)

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