**Central Question:**

**Does the Official Language Act represent Canadian Identity? Does it need revision?**

You are going to create a Concept Web (on big paper) to analyze Canadian Identity through the lens of Language. You will organize your facts into 3 categories, listing and explaining the evidence. You will then use this Web Analysis to answer the Central question: Does the Official Language Act Represent Canadian Identity?

Use the Timeline Facts to analyze the history of conflicting identities:

1. **Why are French Canadians upset? Why do some want to separate from Canada?**

Use the Statistics to examine present day Language Identity:

1. **Was the B & B Commission Successful? Are we a Bilingual Nation today?**

Use the Timeline facts and the “Story of Us: Canada 150” to consider other Language Identities and Perspectives:

1. **Consider the history of Indigenous Language and immigration. Should these languages be included in our official identity?**

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| **Pre 1400**  300-450 languages are spoken by Indigenous peoples | **1627**  Creation of “New France”  (all indigenous people that convert to Catholicism must speak French by law) | **2019**  Indigenous Language Act  (passes June 21) | **1970**  October Crisis – FLQ crisis |
| **1763**  “Treaty of Paris” ends the Seven Years War | **1774**  “Quebec Act” is passed | **2016**  Canada ratifies/ supports  “UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples” | **1977**  Quebec Bill 101  (French only in products/ ads/ education) |
| **1867**  Creation of Canada:  BNA act allows English and French in Parliament | **1918**  “Civil Service Act” - Federal public service employees require English | **1995**  Referendum: Quebec votes again to separate  (50.4% stay, 49.6% leave) | **1980**  Referendum: Quebec votes to separate  (fails – 60% stay, 40% leave) |
| **1890**  Manitoba Schools Question | **1884**  First Residential School for First Nations Children opens | **2008**  Stephen Harper apologizes for Residential Schools | **1969**  Official Languages Act |
| **1990**  Failure of Meech Lake Accord | **1950-60**  Quiet Revolution in Quebec | **1982**  Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms | **1963**  Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism |
|  | **1971**  National Multiculturalism Policy |  |  |

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