

## WA 2 Explanation/Position Response Writing Guide

**The Government of Canada must make decisions about what are Canada’s national interests. These include:**

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to join or not join alliances</li> <li>• developing a foreign policy</li> <li>• ensuring national security</li> <li>• promoting Canadian culture and values</li> <li>• promoting pluralism/multiculturalism</li> <li>• promoting global peace and security</li> <li>• promoting patriotism/nationalism</li> <li>• promoting bilingualism</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• participating in peacekeeping missions</li> <li>• providing foreign aid</li> <li>• protecting rights and freedoms</li> <li>• promoting internationalism</li> <li>• promoting national unity</li> <li>• promoting economic prosperity</li> <li>• promoting multilateralism</li> <li>• participating in international agreements</li> </ul> |
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**What are the most important national interests of Canadians and their government?**

- **identify** the national interests that are most important Canadians and their government
- **explain** why the national interests are the most important
- **support** your position using your understanding of social studies

**TITLE:** The title is the question that you are asked to respond to.

**What are the most important national interests of Canadians and their government?**

**Planning an Explanation Response**

Choose at least three national interests that you think are most important to Canadians and their government and **ONE MAIN** reason why you think the national interest is so important.

**National Interest 1:**

**Reason:**

  

**National Interest 2:**

**Reason:**

  

**National Interest 3:**

**Reason:**

**Paragraph 1**

**First Sentence:** State your position on the topic **and nothing else**. **For example:** I firmly believe that there three major national interests that are important to Canadians and their government.

**1) Your Topic Sentence:**

**2) Next Sentence(s):** State the first national interest that you have identified. You may use two sentences.

**First,**

**3) Next Sentence(s):** State the second national interest that you have identified. You may use two sentences.

**Second,**

**4) Next Sentence:** State the third national interest that you have identified. This should be the national interest that **you feel is the most important** national interest. You may use two sentences.

**Finally,**

**5-6) Concluding Sentence or Sentences.** Summarize your position/explanation. You may wish to use two sentences.

**Your Concluding Sentence or Sentences:**

**Paragraph 2 should explain your first national interest in 4-6 sentences.**

**1) Topic Sentence – State your first national interest. Try to reword it differently than in paragraph 1.**

**For example: One of the most important national interests of Canadians and their government is**

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**2)**

**3)**

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**5-6) Conclusion** - Summarize your position/explanation. You may wish to use two sentences.

**Paragraph 3 should explain your second best point/characteristic in 4-6 sentences.**

**1) Topic Sentence – State your second national interest. Try to reword it differently than in paragraph 1.**

**For example: Another important national interest for the Government of Canada is \_\_\_\_\_**

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**5-6) Conclusion** - Summarize your position/explanation. You may wish to use two sentences.

**Paragraph 4 should explain your final national interest. It should be your best/most important one.**

**Try to reword it differently than in paragraph 1.**

**1) Topic Sentence – State your second national interest. Try to reword it differently than in paragraph 1.**

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**5-6) Conclusion** - Summarize your position/explanation. You may wish to use two sentences.

**Paragraph 5 Conclusion** This paragraph should try to convince the reader that the national interests that you have identified are **the most important ones** for Canadians and their government. The best approach is to identify all of the good things that would likely happen if the Government of Canada considered the national interests that you have identified as important as you do.

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**5-6) Conclusion** - Summarize your position/explanation. You may wish to use two sentences.