Course Outline: **Issues in Canadian Geography, Grade 9 (CGC 1DI/W)**

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**Course Description**

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/curriculum/secondary/canworld.html>

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Geographic Perspective

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**Units of Study (Semester 1)**

1. Changing Populations
2. Liveable Communities
3. Interactions in the Physical Environment
4. Managing Canada’s Resources and Industries

**Critical Evidence of Learning will include:**

 **(Missing critical evidence of learning may result in loss of credit)**

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| Assignments include: | Grade |
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| Role Play/debate |
| Opinion Paragraph |
| Graphing Interpretations |
| Report Card |
| Urban Design |
| Climate Analysis |
| Field Trip Reflection |
| Place Names  | 5% |
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**Units of Study (Semester 2)**

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2. Managing Canada’s Resources and Industries
3. Changing Populations
4. Liveable Communities

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