

Canada



- **Name:** Canada, originally from Iroquois name 'kanata' which means settlement or village
- **Government:** Federal parliamentary democracy under constitutional monarchy
- **Population:** 38 million people
- **Language:** English, French
- **National symbols:** Maple leaf, red and white flag, maple tree (national tree), beaver (national animal)
- **National Anthem:** "O Canada!"



The Inuit are the Aboriginal people of Arctic Canada. "Inuit" is an Inuktitut term, meaning literally "the people." Inuit communities are located across the Inuvialuit Settlement Region (Northwest Territories), Nunavut, Nunavik (Northern Quebec), and Nunatsiavut (Northern Labrador) land claims regions. They, along with other First Nations' people, create totem poles as monuments to represent and commemorate ancestry, histories, people, or events. Most totem poles display beings, or crest animals, marking a family's lineage and validating the powerful rights and privileges that the family held. Totem poles can also be used as memorials and to tell stories. Carved of large, straight red cedar and painted vibrant colours, the totem pole is representative of both coastal Indigenous culture and Northwest Coast Indigenous Art. The cultural appropriation of totem poles by Europeans over the years has created and popularized the false idea that poles display social hierarchy, with the chief at the top and the commoners at the bottom. In fact, depictions of people are not usually found at the top of a totem pole and in some cases, the most important figure or crest is at the bottom

