



## Canada's Celebrity Species

**Ideal for grades 5 and 10**

**Appropriate for grades:** 5-12

**Materials Needed:** writing materials

**Activity Categories:** pre-visit, post-visit, social studies

Students can discuss the animals that are found in Canada and those that have become symbols of the country. Students should be encouraged to think about why these species live in Canada, how our environment suits their needs, even contrast why other countries wouldn't be well-suited for our beloved Canadian icons!

Discuss how the animals have been used as icons (money, sports logos, etc). Students can look into what actions Canada takes in protecting its wildlife and what each student can do to help.

**Pre-Visit modifications:** Have students brainstorm the symbols, and assign each symbol to a small group. Find as much information as possible at the museum.

**Post-Visit modifications:** Have students select a museum specimen that is not a current symbol, and explain why it could be representative of Canada.