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EU Learning for high school students

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Making the EU relevant to Canada: Possible topics as examples

- Integrating **immigrants**: Is Canada more successful than the EU, and, if so, why? Why is the backlash against refugees and immigrants weaker here?
- Open **borders**? Are they a good idea? How do they work in Europe? What are the pros and cons? Should our borders with the US be more open?
- **Climate change**: Why does Europe do better, and why do Europeans want to? How do they share the burden between countries, and could we do the same between provinces? Is the lack of commitment from other countries causing discouragement in Europe?

Making the EU relevant (2)...

- **The Euro? Is it a success or failure? Would a **common currency** work in North America?**
- **NAFTA: What are the benefits and costs of **free trade**? In what ways does the EU go beyond a NAFTA-type agreement?**
- **The EU-Canada Comprehensive Trade Agreement: What's it all about, and how might it benefit Canadian **businesses** and consumers? How is it different from NAFTA?**
- **Can supranational government work? Does the EU provide an example for how we might strengthen **international law**?**

Making the EU relevant (3)... country examples

- **Internet voting:** Is it a good idea? How could it work? Would it make you more likely to vote? (The **Estonian** experience as an example).
- **Reducing inequality:** How does **Sweden** do it?
- **Poland** and **Canada:** Two countries that withstood the economic crisis. Why?
- Should **Turkey** be admitted to the EU? Why or why not? Why is Turkey so much in the news these days?