

# OATH OF CITIZENSHIP



When an immigrant or refugee officially becomes a citizen of Canada they must take the *Oath of Canadian Citizenship*.

After passing the test or interview, candidates will be notified of the ceremony, which takes place a few weeks after. Adults and children over the age of 14 are obliged to be there. Friends and family members are allowed to attend. A typical ceremony will begin with the clerk of the ceremony explaining when applicants are to stand, how to take the oath and how they will be called to receive their certificates. The audience will be asked to rise while the citizenship judge or a presiding officer is ushered in. The judge will make a speech and then ask the audience to rise to take the Oath of Citizenship in both official languages.

Before looking at the actual oath, complete the following tasks:

## TASK ONE:



What are some of the most important things about Canada that you feel should be incorporated into the oath?





**TASK TWO:**

Look at the American Oath.

*I hereby declare, on oath, that I absolutely and entirely renounce and abjure all allegiance and fidelity to any foreign prince, potentate, state, or sovereignty of whom or which I have heretofore been a subject or citizen; that I will support and defend the Constitution and laws of the United States of America against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will bear arms on behalf of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform noncombatant service in the Armed Forces of the United States when required by the law; that I will perform work of national importance under civilian direction when required by the law; and that I take this obligation freely without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; so help me God.*

Write what you think should be the Canadian Oath of Citizenship. Your oath needs to be at least five lines long.

**TASK THREE:**

Recite your oath using the flip camera.

**TASK FOUR:**

Look at the current *Canadian Oath of Citizenship*. What do you think of our oath?

