

Order of Canada Nomination Assignment

There are many different awards and honors that the Canadian government can bestow upon its citizens for their contributions to Canada, be they in the field of science and technology, literature, or combat. Your task will be to choose one person from the period covered in this course and write up their nomination for the most prestigious award of them all, The Order of Canada.

You will present your nominee to the class on your selected date (think of us as the selection committee...maybe we'll have a prize for the winners...maybe a top 5 for the class?). Your presentation will be between 5-8 minutes in length and make use of visuals. Remember that visuals must be relevant to what you are talking about, no random images. You will want to clearly introduce yourself, and provide an outline so that the selection committee knows how your presentation will be structured.

The selection committee isn't looking for a biography, instead you need to identify between 2-3 criteria you are using to justify your nomination and then connect/link the accomplishments of your person to those criteria. This assignment will be marked out of 40, graded using the following rubric, and will assess your communication and application skills. Remember to keep the presentation formal in respect to language, if you're not serious you won't be taken seriously by your audience.

What do you need to be considered in choosing somebody for this award?

The criteria for the Order of Canada are rather vague so you will have to explain what criteria you used and give the committee a definition of them; for example private endeavors can mean private philanthropy. Really, the criteria for this award are many. Below are three excerpts from writings about the Order of Canada to help you:

For Governor-General David Johnston, who is a companion of the Order, the answer to the latter is emphatic in the affirmative. "It reinforces the fundamental values of Canadians, the things we admire most,"

Companions, for one, are recognized for a "lifetime of outstanding achievement and merit of the highest degree, especially in service to Canada or to humanity at large."

*The Order of Canada is **Canada's** highest civilian honour, with membership awarded to those who exemplify the Order's **Latin** motto *Desiderantes meliorem patriam*, which means "(those) desiring a better country." The order was established to recognize the lifetime contributions made by Canadians who made a major difference to Canada.*