



THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

A LESSON IN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE CANADIAN

On April 9, 1917 in the midst of the First World War, the Canadian Corps in France moved against German defences on Vimy Ridge. The ridge was widely viewed as impregnable, but Canadian troops conquered it in one of the most spectacular Allied victories of the war. Today, that victory is widely embraced as a turning point in Canadian history, a major step in Canada's evolution as a nation.

HELP US TELL THE STORY

The key to a successful future lies in knowing one's past, and the remarkable stories that our history provides. Many students are not aware of the significance of the Battle of Vimy Ridge, and how its important legacy contributed to Canada's emergence on the world stage.

The Vimy Foundation is working hard to share this story with students all across Canada.

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VIMY PRIZE

This annual scholarship provides students with a spectacular two-week learning experience in Europe. Guided by Canadian and European experts in England, Belgium and France, students attend seminars at Oxford, and visit the iconic Vimy War Memorial and other historic battlefields and gravesites.

Candidates must be 15-17 years old and must meet the following criteria:

- Canadian, British or French citizen.
- Grade average of at least 75%.
- Enrolled in grade 10 or 11 (Born in 1994/95/96).
- Working knowledge of English and French.
- Future leader and proven team player.
- Sincere interest in history.
- Must be below the age of 18 in August 2011.

The application includes two essay questions, one of which is a research essay, the other a commentary on a work of art from the Beaverbrook Art collection in the online Canadian War Museum. All finalists must pass an interview with the Foundation's selection committee.

Former winners tell us their best memories are those of meeting veterans, historians, scholars and specialists on the ground. Their visits to Vimy Ridge, diverse cemeteries and battlefields, strike a powerful chord, as they experience history first-hand. It is a life-changing opportunity that makes Canadian history come alive, inspiring our young people so that they never forget.

Interested students can apply online today at www.vimyfoundation.ca. More information, as well as downloadable application forms, are also available on our Web site.

Deadline: February 15, 2011 at midnight.



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I WISH EVERY KID COULD SEE WHAT WE SAW; IT WAS AMAZING.

THE CHANCE TO BE PART OF THE VIMY PRIZE WAS SOMETHING I KNEW I COULDN'T PASS UP AND I WAS RIGHT. THE SIGHTS AND FEELINGS I EXPERIENCED WILL STAY WITH ME FOREVER.

Nadine Burgess, Saint Catharines, Ontario

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