Worldview is a collection of values and beliefs about life and the universe held in common by a group of people. The worldview of a group you identify with is the basis for the way you act, the way you react, and the way you feel about the world.

Worldview is made up of a series of assumptions around topics like geography, time, society, values, beliefs, and the nature of knowledge. For this short research assignment students will compare the Canadian worldview with a culture of the student’s choice. Use the space provided in the chart below to complete your comparison.

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| **Canada** |  |
| **Geography**: what role does geographical factors (like climate play) in how people look at the world and behave in it? |
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| **Time**: in what terms is time interpreted by this society? |
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| **Society**: are men and women equal or are they required to follow certain pre-determined roles? Who holds the power in society? |
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| **Values**: how do people in this society treat people from other cultures/countries? |
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| **Beliefs**: what beliefs do people hold about life, death and marriage? |
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| **Knowledge**: how is knowledge valued by this society? |
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