MULTICULTURALISM IN CANADA

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| DAY | LESSON PLAN | REQUIRED READING |
| Day 1  Feb 10 | Morning class: introduction into Canada – geography + history  Afternoon class:  What is multiculturalism (MC)? Multiculturalism Act  Critiques of MC  What is Canadian identity? Molson beer commercial and the issue of Canadian identity | History of Canada, e.g. Riendeau or Will Ferguson (optional reading)  Hutcheon, “Introduction to *Other Solitudes*”  Kamboureli, “Introduction to *Making a* *Difference*”  Canadian Multiculturalism Act  Neil Bisoondath *Selling Illusions* – selections  *Canadian Identity*  Molson beer commercial “I am Canadian” (1994) (youtube) |
| Day 2  Feb 11 | Morning class: The first white settlers  Susanna Moodie, *Roughing It* – selections  Margaret Atwood, *Journals of Susanna Moodie* – selected poems  Afternoon class: Immigrant experience  Rohinton Mistry, “Swimming Lessons” and “The Squatter” | From Susanna Moodie, *Roughing It*  From Margaret Atwood, *Journals of Susanna Moodie*  Margaret Atwood “Progressive Insanities of a Pioneer”  From Rohinton Mistry, *Tales from Firozsha Baag*:  “Swimming Lessons”  “The Squatter” |
| Day 3  Feb 12 | Morning class: East Asian Canadian Experience:  Building of the Canadian Pacific Railway  SKY Lee, *Disappearing Moon Cafe* – selections  WW2 and the Japanese internment  Joy Kogawa, *Obasan* – selections  Afternoon class:  Blackness in Canada  Lorena Gale, *Angélique* | From SKY Lee, *Disappearing Moon Cafe*  From Joy Kogawa, *Obasan*  Lorena Gale, *Angélique* |

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| Day 4  Feb 13 | Morning class: new generation MC?  Dionne Brand, *What We All Long For*  Afternoon class: Postcolonialism and Multiculturalism – theory  Linda Hutcheon, “Circling the Downspout of Empire”  Donna Bennett, “English Canada’s Postcolonial Complexities” | Dionne Brand, *What We All Long For*  Linda Hutcheon, “Circling the Downspout of Empire”  Donna Bennett “English Canada’s Postcolonial Complexities” |
| Day 5  Feb 14 | Morning class: First Nations  Eden Robinson, *Monkey Beach*  Afternoon class:  Thomas King, *One Good Story, That One* – selections | Thomas King, “Godzilla vs. Post-colonial”  From Thomas King, *One Good Story, That One*:  “One Good Story, That One”  “The One About Coyote Going West”  “Coyote Columbus Story” |