

## The Eporuvians Come to Visit

Imagine you are playing in your backyard when a group of odd-looking men dressed in strange clothes walk into your yard. They look dirty and hungry, and are shouting and gesturing in a strange language. They try hard to communicate with you, but you can't understand them. You can tell, though, that what they are saying is very important.

Not knowing what else to do you get your parents. After your parents try to understand them without success, your family invites them into your house and gives them some cake and tea. Soon, you are able to communicate with them using hand signals and gestures. You still don't know what they want, but you begin to understand that they are from a faraway land called Eporue. They really like your town and they want to stay here.

1. How would you feel if this happened to you? Scared? Flattered? Angry? Friendly? Annoyed? Curious? Excited?
2. What would you do? Would you help them out or ask them to leave?

Imagine you decide to welcome the Eporuvians. After all, you want to be helpful, and they seem so lost. You let them stay in your house, and keep feeding them. You show them around the town and introduce them to your friends. However, you begin to notice that they have a bad habit of taking your things. All in all, they don't seem to be very considerate. You begin to wonder whether making friends with them was such a good idea. You also start to wonder if these house guests will ever leave.

After a while, you begin to realize that they want to keep living in your house and using your things. In fact, they think they own the place and the land it's on too. They stick the Eporuvian flag in the ground in your front yard and claim your land for their leader.

1. How would you feel? Scared? Angry? Puzzled? Disappointed?
2. What would you do? Would you organize your friends to get rid of them? Try to explain to them that they can't stay and ask them to leave? Or let them stay and hope it gets better?

By now, they don't bother talking to you much anymore, except when they want something from you. They bring their relatives – and lots of other Eporuvians – to live in your town. Eventually, they tell you and your family that you have to leave, and they give you a broken-down shack to live in, with no yard, no running water and lots of other people crowded into it (who have all been forced off their land as well).

You never get your land back. For 200 years, the story of how the Eporuvians forced you off your land is handed down from generation to generation. You tell your children, who tell their children, and so on, for ten generations.

1. How will your descendants feel about the Eporuvians?
2. If you were a descendant of the Eporuvians how would you feel about what your ancestors did?
3. Can you make a connection with this story to what you've learn about the history of Canada?