The Acadians

The history of the Acadian people is a interesting topic in Canadian history. In the reading Griffiths article we learn many interesting topics on the Acadian people. We learnt who these people were, what led to their deportation and the effects it. Also how the Acadian people are a great learning tool for us today. The Acadian culture is still a prevalent culture in Canada today.

The Acadian’s were an interesting group of people living in what is now Nova Scotia. The Acadian people were unique Naomi states; “a community come into existence during the seventeenth century whose sense of identity was much different from that of either France or England.”[[1]](#footnote-1) The Acadian people were caught up into the disputes of the battles between England and France.[[2]](#footnote-2) England decided in 1755 that the Acadians had to be deported because they were French speaking and Catholic therefore there loyalty was with France.[[3]](#footnote-3) Naomi says, “The Deportation was an event that broke the first Acadian community but did not destroy it.”[[4]](#footnote-4) Many Acadians, died due to the deportation. I also believe the article has some relevance to the new diverse cultures that are arriving to Canada today. Naomi tells us, “Political life must develop in ways which will allow respect for diverse cultures, a respect that is not tolerance but acceptance of difference.”[[5]](#footnote-5) The article clearly is relevant to Canada today.

The history of the Acadian people is important to Canadian history. We learned who the Acadia people were, what led to their deportation and the effects it. I wonder what the history books will say about how Canada adjusts to the new cultures of Canada of today?

1. Naomi Griffiths, “Acadian Identity: The Creation and Re-creation of Community,” *Dalhousie Review* 73: 3 (1993): 329 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Naomi Griffiths, “Acadian Identity: The Creation and Re-creation of Community,” *Dalhousie Review* 73: 3 (1993): 328 [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Naomi Griffiths, “Acadian Identity: The Creation and Re-creation of Community,” *Dalhousie Review* 73: 3 (1993): 335-336 [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Naomi Griffiths, “Acadian Identity: The Creation and Re-creation of Community,” *Dalhousie Review* 73: 3 (1993): 337 [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Naomi Griffiths, “Acadian Identity: The Creation and Re-creation of Community,” *Dalhousie Review* 73: 3 (1993): 342 [↑](#footnote-ref-5)