

Ethnic Origins of Canadians

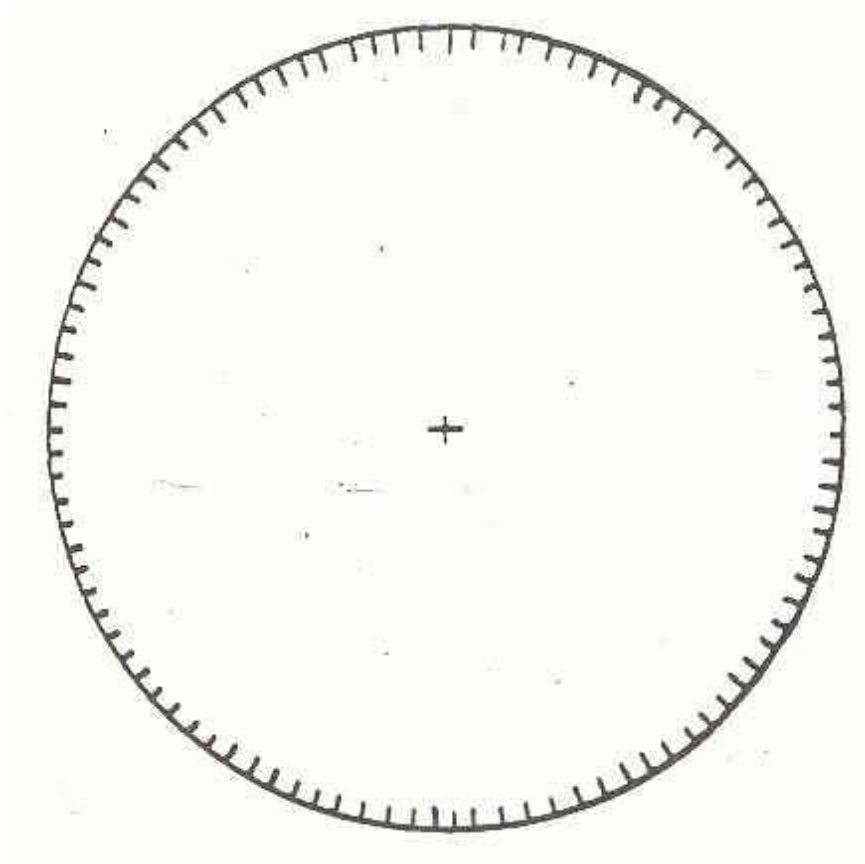


Complete the organizer below which illustrates the **ethnicity** – the racial or cultural origins of a person – of Canada’s population.

Area of Ethnic Origin	Two countries that are included in this group	#	%
<i>Total population</i>		28,528,135	
British Isles origins	England, Scotland, Ireland, Wales	6,053,695	
French origins	France	2,683,840	
European origins		3,742,895	
Arab origins		188,430	
West Asian origins		106,865	
South Asian origins		590,150	
East and Southeast Asian origins		1,271,450	
African origins		137,315	
Pacific Islands origins		5,765	
Latin, Central, and South American origins		118,635	
Caribbean origins		305,290	
Aboriginal origins		477,635	
Canadian origins		5,326,995	
Other origins		80,845	
More than one origin		7,438,330	

(Data from Statistics Canada, 1996 Census)

Using the percentage data you determined on the other side to create a pie chart. Be sure to label each portion of the pie, and give your chart a title.



What is the ethnic origin of the *majority* of people who live in Canada? _____

Does this make sense from a historical perspective? Explain your answer: _____

If you rank the size of the ethnic groups in Canada with the largest = 1, what is the rank of Aboriginal ethnic origins in Canada? _____

All Canadians who do not have Aboriginal origins, come from somewhere else. Why do you think people would say that their ethnic origin is "Canadian." Explain.
