



Canadian Demographics Learning Centre: War Brides

The first major wave of post-war immigration consisted of war brides and their children. From 1942-1948, 32% of all immigrants to Canada were war brides.

Country	Number of Wives	Number of Children
Great Britain	44 886	21 358
Holland	1 886	428
Belgium	649	131
France	100	15
Other	72	28

Taken from Bogle, Don, Eugene D'Orazio and Don Quinlan. Canada, Continuity and Change. Markham, ON: Fitzhenry and Whiteside, 2006.

1. Why did most war brides come from Great Britain, Holland and Belgium?

2. How many war brides were there in total?

3. Use the following website to learn more about war brides:

www.pier21.ca/research/collections/the-story-collection/online-story-collection/war-brides/

Choose three stories as specified below and complete the following chart.

Name/Country of Origin:	Description of journey to Canada	Challenges faced in Canada
Story #1		
Story #2 (<i>from a different country than first story</i>)		
Story #3 (<i>from the child of a warbride</i>)		