

GOVERNOR GENERAL'S AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN TEACHING CANADIAN HISTORY

THE CHANGING FACE OF CANADA



1400

The Hudson and York Basins

The Hudson and York Basins were the first areas of European settlement in Canada. The Hudson River basin was the center of the fur trade, and the York River basin was the center of the tobacco trade.



1713

French and British Claims

The French and British claims to Canada were established in 1713. The French claimed the area from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico, and the British claimed the area from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to the Gulf of Mexico.



1763

The West Expansion

The West Expansion was the process of moving westward from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific coast. This was done by the fur trade, the Hudson's Bay Company, and the North West Company.



1774

The Quebec Act

The Quebec Act of 1774 gave the French-speaking population of Quebec the right to practice their religion and to use their language in court. This was a major step towards the recognition of the French-Canadian population.



1783-1818

The Confederation Act

The Confederation Act of 1867 united the Province of Canada, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia into the Dominion of Canada. This was the beginning of the modern Canadian state.



1873

Canada and Confederation

Canada and Confederation were established in 1873. This was the year that the Dominion of Canada was officially recognized as a sovereign state.



1905

Changes in the Course of the West Country

Changes in the Course of the West Country were the result of the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. This allowed for the settlement of the West and the development of the prairie provinces.



2000

Canada at the Beginning of the 21st Century

Canada at the Beginning of the 21st Century was the result of the changes in the West Country and the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. This allowed for the settlement of the West and the development of the prairie provinces.



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MAPS: THE CHANGING FACE OF CANADA

An Elementary Level Lesson Plan to be Used in Conjunction with
the Changing Faces of Canada Poster

Part 1

Based on the information provided on the front of this poster, create a timeline by matching the dates to the events in Canadian history listed below that resulted in the “changing face of Canada.”

Date	Event
a) 1670	The Dominion of Canada is created by the British North American Act joining Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario in Confederation. Circa 1713 Britain defeats France in the Seven Years War and Quebec becomes a British colony.
b) 1999	Between 5 hundred thousand and 2 million Native People live in Canada, mostly along the west coast.
c) 1949	Prince Edward Island, Manitoba, and British Columbia join the Confederation
d) 1812	The Hudson’s Bay Company is created.
e) 1867	Manitoba, Ontario, and Quebec expand their borders north.
f) 1763	Canada purchases Rupert’s Land from the Hudson’s Bay Company.
g) 1776-1783	The Northwest Territories is divided in two with the creation of Nunavut. Before 1400 British Parliament enacts the Quebec Act, which greatly enlarges the boundaries of Quebec further stirring discontent in the south.
h) 1869	The American Revolution results in the defeat of Britain and the splitting on North America in two.
i) 1774	Competition between the French and English to dominate the trade of beaver pelts results in war.
j) 1873	Newfoundland and Labrador join the Confederation.
k) 1912	War takes place between the United States and Britain confirming the eastern division of Canada and the US.

Part 2

Look closely at the maps on the front of this poster to answer the following questions:

1. The actions of which three groups dramatically changed the face of Canada between 1400 and 1713?
2. How did the Seven Years War affect New France?
3. Why would the Quebec Act upset those in the south?
4. How did the defeat of Britain in the American Revolution affect Quebec?
5. What has become of the west-coast land where many Native People lived?