

CANADA'S POLITICAL HISTORY NEWSPAPER ASSIGNMENT

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INTENDED GRADE/SUBJECT AREA

Grades 7-9 Social Studies, Language Arts

CONCEPTS

To work independently or with a partner to create a newspaper that represents some of the events that occurred in the 1800s. Information is to be researched from a number of sources.

Please include the following components:

- newspaper name and all components of a newspaper front page from the handout;
- at least five important events and articles;
- an editorial page with comments and an editorial cartoon on an historical event or person;
- an interview with an important individual such as Louis Riel;
- typical newspaper items of that era such as announcements, recipes, or want ads.

Emphasis should be placed on overall layout and content.

EVALUATION

Final Product 35 marks

Class presentation 15 marks (peer assessment)

Due Date: _____

Newspaper Assignment Assessment Culminating Activity

Objective: Using a newspaper format and a variety of resources, students will create a newspaper based on events and individuals from the 1800s that have contributed to the growth of Canada as a nation.

Content					
1 2	3 4	5 6	7 8	9 10	x 2 =
Insufficient detail and inaccurate reflection of the time period.	Detail and accuracy are inconsistent throughout. Little evidence of research.	Some information is detailed and reflects the time period. Some research is evident.	Most information is detailed and reflects the time period. Thorough research is evident.	All information is highly detailed and accurately reflects the time period. Thorough research is obvious.	
Completion	1 2	3	4	5	
	Required components insufficient.	Few required components are present. Some additional components enhance the overall product.	Most required components are present. Additional components enhance the overall product.	All required components are present. Extensive use of additional components enhance the overall product.	
Visual Appeal		1 2	3	4 5	x 2 =
		Somewhat visually appealing.	Creative use of newspaper format. Visually appealing.	Highly creative and unique use of newspaper format. Quite visually appealing.	

Peer Evaluation of the Product

Information	1 2	3	4 5
	Lacks clarity, precision, and variety.	Somewhat clear, precise, and varied.	Clear, precise, and varied.
Purchasing Persuasion	1 2 3 4	5 6 7	8 9 10
	I would not buy this newspaper.	I might buy this newspaper.	I would most definitely buy this newspaper.

About the Educators

Jackie Underhill and Kathy Farrell have successfully designed their course to make Canadian history meaningful for students. By incorporating models, political cartoons, history board games, novel study, historical newspaper creation, debates and the Internet, students become engaged in their studies and perform well. The activities accommodate a wide range of student abilities and learning styles. Students are expected to demonstrate a high degree of interpretation, analysis and synthesis in all elements of the unit.