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**Grande Prairie Regional College**

**History 2600**

**Canada 1500 - 1867**

**1998**

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This is an introductory survey course which examines the formation of Canada from the earliest times to Confederation (1867). It is hoped that this course will aid students in achieving a truer understanding of how Canada evolved and how particular present day problems have developed.

**Basic required reading:**

Conrad, Finkel, Jaenen, History of the Canadian People: Beginnings to 1867 (Vol. one) (Copp Clark Pitman, 1993)

Additional assigned readings will be on reserve in the LCR (see lecture topics and schedule).

**Requirements and Grading:**

- I) Mid - term - Oct. 14 (20%)
- II) Essay - Nov 2 (40%)\*
- III) Final - Dec. (40%)

\* Late papers will be penalized (one stanine grade for each week they are late) unless there is a compelling reason for the tardiness. Late essays will be accepted until the last day of formal classes; however, essays handed in after the due date will not receive the instructor's written comments.

It is also advisable for students to keep a copy of all essays they submit.

## Lecture Topics and Schedule

Sept

2 - Introduction/ Geography and Canadian history

Readings: Conrad, Finkel, Jaenen (hereafter referred to as Text)  
Introduction, pp xiv - xxiii

4 - The Native Peoples of Canada

Readings: Text: Chapter one, pp 5 - 44

9 - Who came to North America and Why 1000 AD - 1608

Readings: Text: Chapter two, pp 48 - 79  
Chapter three, pp 82 - 98

11 - New France 1608 - 1663

Readings: Text: Chapter three, pp 98 - 121

14 - Life in New France

Readings: Text: Chapter four, pp 129 - 169  
Chapter five, pp 172 - 213

16 - The struggle between France and Britain in North America,  
1689 - 1750

Readings: Text: Chapter six, pp 216 - 231

18 - The struggle between France and Britain in North America,  
1750 - 1763.

Readings: Text: Chapter six, pp 231 - 249

21 - The Conquest in Canadian history

Readings: Text: Chapter six, pp 249 - 263  
Fernand Ouellet, "The Legacy of New France Restored to Favour" in  
Carol Wilton, Change and Continuity (1992) pp. 102 - 109. (LRC  
reserve)

M. Brunet, "The British Conquest and the Decline of the French -

Canadian Bourgeoise" in Ibid pp 110 - 116 (LRC reserve)

23 - British North America in the Age of the American Revolution, 1760 - 1783 Part one

25 - British North America in the Age of the American Revolution, Part two.

Readings: Text: Chapter Seven, pp 271 - 313

28 - Film and discussion: New France & New England, Part one

Readings: Text: Chapter Eight, pp 318 - 360

30 - Film and discussion: New France & New England, Part two  
Oct.

2 - The Problem of the Loyalists, 1783 - 1791

Readings: Review Text: Chapter Seven, pp 287 - 305

5 - Upper Canada: The Simcoe Years, 1791 - 1812

Readings: Text: Chapter Nine, pp 365 - 399

J. Petryshyn, "An Imperial Proconsul in a Wilderness Province: John Graves Simcoe in Upper Canada, 1791 - 96" (LRC reserve)

7 - Upper Canada, 1796 - 1812.

9 - Lower Canada, 1791 - 1812

12 - Thanksgiving Day - no class

14 - Mid - term test

16 - The War of 1812

19 - Film & discussion: The War of 1812, Part one

21 - Film & discussion: The War of 1812, Part two

23 - The Fur Trade Empire, 1783 - 1821

Readings: Text: Chapter Eleven, pp 442 - 478

26 - Political Unrest and Rebellion in Upper Canada, 1815 - 1837,  
Part One

Readings: Text: Chapter Ten, pp 404 - 424

J Petryshyn, "The Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837: Why the Road  
to Insurrection?" (LRC reserve).

28 - Political Unrest and Rebellion in Upper Canada, 1815 - 1837,  
Part two.

30 - Political Unrest and Rebellion in Lower Canada, 1815 - 1837  
Nov.

2 - Lord Durham and the Union of the Canadas (essay due)

Readings: Text: Chapter Ten, pp. 424 - 437

4 - The Achievement of Responsible Government, Part one

Readings: Carol Wilton, "Responsible Government in Canada West" in  
Carol Wilton, Change and Continuity pp 290 - 97 (LRC reserve)

6 - The Achievement of Responsible Government, Part two

9 - Political Developments in the Maritimes

Readings: Review Text: Chapter Eight pp 321 - 360.

11 - Remembrance Day - No Classes

13 - The Canadian Commercial Revolution, 1841 - 1854

Readings: Text: Chapter Twelve, pp 483 - 523  
Chapter Thirteen, pp 535 - 541

16 - British Immigration Before Confederation, 1815 - 1860

Readings: Review Text: Chapter Nine, pp 377 - 381

18 - Canadian Politics in the 1850's, Part one.

20 - Canadian Politics in the 1850's Part two.

23 - Railways & Urbanization

Readings: Text: Chapter Thirteen, pp 541 - 575

J. Petryshyn, "Nineteenth Century Cobourg: A Historical Profile"  
(LRC reserve)

P. Satterly, "The Cobourg - Peterborough Railway: Destiny Denied"  
(LRC reserve)

25 - The Movement Toward Confederation, Part one

Readings: Text: Chapter Fourteen, pp 579 - 611

27 - The Movement Toward Confederation, Part two

Readings: Brian Young, "George - Etienne Cartier: Montreal Bourgeois" in Carol Wilton, Change and Continuity pp.380 - 388. (LRC reserve)

30 - Film & Discussion: Canadian Confederation Part One

Dec

3 - Film & Discussion: Confederation Part Two

4 - Recapitulation