

## Grande Prairie Regional College

### History 2600

#### Canada 1500 – 1867

Fall 2003

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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 readings:**

Conrad, Finkel, Jaenen, *History of the Canadian Peoples Volume One: Beginnings to 1867*. (Copp Clark, 2002)

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

#### **Requirements and Grading:**

- i) Mid – term Oct. 23 (20%)
- ii) Essay – Nov. 6 (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 may 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**

##### **September:**

9 – Introduction/Geography and Canadian History

Readings: Conrad & Finkel (hereafter referred to as text)  
Chapter One (pp.2 – 6)

11 – The First Nations of Canada

Readings: Text – Chapter Two (pp.7 - 28)

16 – Who Came and Why 1000 AD – 1608

Readings: Text – Chapter Three (pp.29 – 47: this is optional background reading) and Chapter Four (pp.48 – 63)

18 – New France 1608 – 1663 Part One

Readings: Text – Chapter Five (pp.64 – 81)

23 – New France 1608 – 1663 Part Two

Readings: Text – Chapter Six (pp.84 – 102)

25 – New France 1663 – 1713

Readings: Text – Chapter Seven (pp. 103 – 119) and Chapter Eight (pp.120 – 140)

30 – The Struggle for North America: France vs England 1689 – 1760

Readings: Text – Chapter Nine (pp.141 - 157) and Chapter Ten (pp.160 - 181)

## **October**

2 – The Conquest in Canadian history

Readings: LRC Reserve: Fernand Ouellet, “The Legacy of New France Restored to Favour” in Carol Wilton, *Change and Continuity* (pp.102 – 109)  
M. Brunet, “The British Conquest and the Decline of the French – Canadian Bourgeoisie in Wilton (pp. 110 – 116). Also on LRC Reserve.

7 – British North America in the Age of the American Revolution

Readings: Text – Chapter Eleven (pp. 182 – 199)

9 – Film and Discussion: New France and New England

14 – The United Empire Loyalists 1783 - 1791/ Upper Canada: The Simcoe Years

Readings: Text – Chapter Twelve (pp.200 – 218)  
LRC Reserve : J. Petryshyn, “An Imperial Proconsul in a Wilderness Province: John Graves Simcoe in Upper Canada, 1791 – 96”

16 – Upper Canada and Lower Canada, 1791 – 1812

21 – The War of 1812

23 – Mid – term test

28 – Film and Discussion: The War of 1812

30 – The Fur Trade Empire, 1783 – 1821

Readings: Text – Chapter Thirteen (pp. 219 – 235)

Note: Chapter Eighteen (pp.316 – 330) and Chapter Nineteen (pp.331 – 344) are optional follow up readings.

### **November**

4 - Political Unrest and Rebellion in Upper and Lower Canada, 1815 - 1837

Readings: Text – Chapter Seventeen (pp. 296– 315)

LRC Reserve – J. Petryshyn, “The Upper Canadian Rebellion of 1837: Why the Road to Insurrection”

6 – Lord Durham and the Union of the Canadas (**Essay due**)

13 - The Achievement of Responsible Government Part I

18 – The Achievement of Responsible Government Part 11

LRC Reserve: Carol Wilton, “Responsible Government in Canada West”

20 – Political Developments in the Maritime Colonies

Readings: Text – Chapter Fourteen (pp.238 – 258) and Chapter Fifteen (pp.259 – 275).

25 – The Canadian Commercial Revolution 1841 – 1854

Readings: Text – Chapter Sixteen (pp. 276 – 295)

27 – Immigration Before Confederation 1815 – 1860

### **December**

2 – Railways and Urbanization/Canadian Politics in the 1850's

Readings: Text – Chapter Twenty (pp. 346 – 368) and Chapter Twenty – one (pp. 369 – 385)

LRC Reserve: J. Petryshyn “Nineteenth Century Cobourg: A Historical Profile”

LRC Reserve: P. Satterly, “The Cobourg – Peterborough Railway: Destiny Denied”

4– The Movement Toward Confederation

Readings: Text – Chapter Twenty – Two (pp.386 – 399) and Chapter Twenty Three (pp.400 – 421)

LRC Reserve – Brian Young, “George – Etienne Cartier: Montreal Bourgeois”

9 – Recapitulation and Review.

