

Grande Prairie Regional College

History 2600

Canada 1500 – 1867

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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, 2006)

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

Requirements and Grading:

- i) Mid – term Oct. 19 (20%)
- ii) Essay – Nov. 3 (40%)*
- iii) Final – Dec. (40%)

- Late papers will be penalized (one 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:

7 – Introduction/Geography and Canadian History

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

12 – The First Nations of Canada

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

14 – 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)

19 – New France 1608 – 1663 Part One

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

21 – New France 1608 – 1663 Part Two

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

26 – New France 1663 – 1713

Readings: Text – Chapter Seven (pp. 103 – 119) and
Chapter Eight (pp.120 – 139)

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

Readings: Text – Chapter Nine (pp.140 - 158)

October

3 – 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.

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

Readings: Text - Chapter Ten (pp.161 - 180)

10 – Film and Discussion: New France and New England

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

LRC Reserve : J. Petryshyn, “An Imperial Proconsul in a Wilderness Province: John Graves Simcoe in Upper Canada, 1791 – 96”

17 – Upper Canada and Lower Canada, 1791 – 1812

19 – Mid – term test

24– The War of 1812

Readings: Text – Chapter Eleven (pp. 181 – 205)

26 – Film and Discussion: The War of 1812

31 – The Fur Trade Empire, 1783 – 1821

Readings: Text – Chapter Twelve (pp.206 – 221) and Chapter Seventeen: Text (pp.304 – 317)

November

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

Readings: Text – Chapter Sixteen (pp. 284– 303)

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

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

9 - The Achievement of Responsible Government Part I

14 – The Achievement of Responsible Government Part 11

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

16 – Political Developments in the Maritime Colonies

Readings: Text – Chapter Thirteen (pp.224 – 245) and Chapter Fourteen (pp.246 – 262).

21 – The Canadian Commercial Revolution 1841 – 1854

Readings: Text Chapter Twenty (pp. 358 – 373)

23 – Immigration Before Confederation 1815 – 1860

Readings: Text – Chapter Fifteen (pp. 263 – 283)

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

Readings: Text: Chapter Nineteen (pp. 334 – 357) and Chapter Twenty – one (pp.374 – 388)

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

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

30 – The Movement Toward Confederation Part 1

Readings: Text – Chapter Twenty – Two (pp.389 – 411)

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

December

5 The Movement Toward Confederation Part 11

7 – Recapitulation and Review.

