

Grande Prairie Regional College

History 2610 B

Canada: 1867 – 2000

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This is an introductory survey course which examines the development of Canada from Confederation to the present. Major topics/themes include national expansion, resistance and the rise of regionalism; Québec's place in Confederation; immigration; labour; class conflict; agrarian protest; the "Great Depression" and the impact of two World Wars. Special attention will be paid to the nation's politicians and to its political/constitutional structures since these major themes/issues are played out in the political arena.

Basic Required Readings:

Alvin Finkel and Margaret Conrad, *History of the Canadian Peoples Vol. 11, 1867 to the Present* (Copp Clark, 2002)

Additional readings will be assigned and placed on reserve in the LRC.

Requirements and Grading:

- i) Mid – term test – 20% (Feb. 20)
- ii) Essay (approx. 2000 – 2500 words) – 40% (due March 4)*
- iii) Final Examination – 40% (April)

Late papers will be penalized (one stanine grade for each week that 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.

Lecture Topics and Schedule

January

7 Introduction/Canada and Sir John A Macdonald

Readings: Text Chap. 1, pp. 2 – 19; Chap. 2 pp.20 – 28
Suggested further readings (LRC Reserve) , Warner, *The Post Confederation Annexation Movement in Nova Scotia*

9 Canada and the North – West

Readings: Text Chap. 2 pp.29 – 33

14 Rounding Out Confederation: B C and P E I/Sir John A. and the Pacific Scandal

Readings: Text Chap. 2 pp.33 – 36

Suggested further readings (LRC Reserve) , Sage, *British Columbia Becomes Canadian, 1871 – 1901*

Weale and Baglole, *The Island and Confederation: The End of an Era*

16 Alexander Mackenzie and the Liberals, 1874 – 78/The National Policy and the Resurgence of Sir John A.

Readings: Text Chap. 3 pp. 39 – 48

21 The North – West Rebellion, 1884 – 86/Riel and Quebec

Readings: Text. Chap. 3 pp.44 – 47

Note: Historiographical Debate: Metis Migrations pp. 55 – 56

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) David Lee, *The Metis Militant Rebels of 1885.*

23 National Unity and the Old Chieftan

Readings: Text Chap. 3 pp. 47 – 56

28 The Decline and Fall of the Conservative Party, 1891 – 1896

30 Canada in the Laurier Era 1896 – 1911

Readings:Text Chap.4 pp.60 – 77.

Suggested further readings (LRC Reserve) Carl Berger, *Imperialism and Nationalism, 1884 – 1914: A Conflict in Canadian Thought*

Note: The National Policy vs Regional Development; Historiographical Debate pp. 106.

February

4 Immigration into Canada

Readings: Text Chap 6 pp. 111 – 127.

February

6 Henri Bourassa and French Canada/The Election of 1911

Readings: Text Review Chap 4 pp. 70 – 71; Chap. 4, pp.76 – 77

Suggested further readings (LRC Reserve) J. Levitt, *Henri Bourassa on Imperialism and Biculturalism*

11 Canada and World War 1

Readings: Text Chap. 4 pp. 77 – 79; Chap. 9 pp 183 - 198.

13 The Conscription Crisis of 1917

Note : Conscription: Historiographical Debate pp. 204

18 Reform, Recession and Class Conflict Part 1

20 Mid – term

March

4 Reform, Recession and Class Conflict Part 11(essay due)

Readings Text Chap. 7 pp.131 – 152; Chap. 8 pp. 156 – 163;Chap. 9 pp.199 – 205.
Note: The Suffragists: Historiographical Debate pp. 151 – 152.

6 Mackenzie King

Readings: Text: Chap. 10 pp.210 – 221

11 The Progressives/The "Roaring" Twenties

Readings: Text Chap. 10 pp.221 – 228.
Suggested further readings (LRC Reserve) Waller Young, *The Progressives*.

13 The Great Depression Part 1

Readings: Text Chap 11 pp.231 – 252.
Note: Populism, Right and Left: Historiographical debate p.251

18 The Great Depression Part 11

Readings: Text Chap. 12 pp.255 – 269
Suggested further readings (LRC reserve) James Struthers *Canada's Unemployment Policy in the 1930's*

20 Aberhart and Social Credit/Duplessis and Quebec

Readings: Text Chap. 11 pp.244 – 246.

25 Canada and WW 11

Readings: Text Chap. 14 pp. 291 – 315

27 Post War Canada/Louis St. Laurent and the Liberals

Readings: Text Chap. 15 pp.320 – 335; Chap.17 pp.367 - 387
Note: Origins of the Welfare State: A Historiographical Debate p 314.

April

1 Diefenbaker and Pearson

Readings: Chap. 16 pp.345 – 364.

3 The Quiet Revolution

Readings: Chap. 15 pp.335- 341.

Note: Quebec Nationalism: A historiographical Debate p.341.

Suggested further readings (LRC Reserve) Richard Jones, *Politics and the Reinforcement of French language in Canada and Quebec.*

8 The Trudeau Era

Readings: Text Chap.20 pp 430 – 441,

10 The Mulroney Years

Readings: Text Chap. 21 pp. 444 – 463.

Note: If Quebec Leaves: Historiographical Debate pp. 465 – 466,

15 "We're Back!": Chretien and the Liberals

Readings: Text Chap. 21 pp. 463 – 464; Chap. 22 pp. 469 – 485.