

## **Dates in chronological order**

*All dates appearing on this list can be found in the "Discover Canada, The Rights and Responsibilities of Citizenship" official Study Guide and are intended to be used in conjunction with the study guide. This list is not exhaustive, and thorough reading of the guide is suggested.*

**Thousands of years ago** the ancestors of Aboriginal peoples are believed to have migrated from Asia.

**496** The year that the Fleur-de-Lys was adopted by the French King.

**1215** The signing of the Magna Carta. (Great charter of Freedoms)

**1497** John Cabot expedition. First person to draw maps of Canada's East coast.

**1534 – 1542** Jacques Cartier made three voyages across the atlantic.

**1550** Canada started appearing on maps.

**1576** Martin Frobisher penetrated the uncharted Arctic.

**1604** First European settlement north of Florida was established by Pierre de Monts and Samuel de Champlain.

**1604** French colonists began settling.

**1600's to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century** English, Welsh, Scottish & Irish settlers arrived.

**Early 1600's** English colonies along the Atlantic seaboard.

**1608** Champlain built a fortress at what is now Quebec City.

**1670** King Charles II of England granted the Hudson Bay Co. Exclusive trading rights over the watershed draining into Hudson Bay.

**1690** Count Frontenac refused to surrender Quebec to the British.

**1701** French and Iroquois made peace.

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- 1700's** England and France battled for control of North America.
- 1700's** When the French Canadians first started using the Maple Leaf as a symbol. Have appeared on Canadian uniforms since 1850.
- 1755-1763** Britain and France at war. During this time more than 2/3 of Acadians were deported from their homeland – the Great Upheaval.
- 1758** First representative assembly elected in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 1759** British defeat the French in the battle of the Plains of Abraham at Quebec City.
- 1773** First representative assembly in P.E.I.
- 1774** The British Parliament passed the Quebec Act.
- 1775** Sir Guy Carleton defeated an American invasion attempt of Quebec.
- 1776** 13 British colonies to the south of Quebec declared independence and formed the United States.
- 1782 – 1783** Loyalist migration to Nova Scotia and Quebec.
- 1785** First representative assembly in New Brunswick.
- 1791** Constitutional Act.
- 1792** Some black Nova Scotians moved on to establish Freetown in Sierra Leone.
- 1793** Upper Canada becomes first province to move towards abolition of slavery.
- 1800's** Ice hockey developed in Canada.
- 1807** British Parliament bans the buying and selling of slaves.
- 1812** The fight for Canada, when America tried to invade Canada.
- 1812-1814** Maj. Gen. Sir Isaac Brock and Chief Tecumseh fought together to beat the US invasion.

- 1813** Lt. Col. Charles de Salaberry and 460 soldiers turned back 4,000 US invaders.
- 1813** Americans burned down Government House & Parliament buildings in York (Toronto).
- 1813** Laura Secord travels 19 miles by foot to warn of US invasion.
- 1814** Canadians burn down the White House.
- 1814** Duke of Wellington sends soldiers to defend Canada.
- Jan. 11Th 1815** Sir John Alexander Macdonald born on Scotland.  
Jan 11th Sir John Alexander Macdonald day.
- 1833** Britain abolishes slavery throughout the Empire.
- 1832** Montreal stock exchange opened.
- 1837-38** Rebellions. Some Canadians believed they should adopt US republican values or even to try and join the US. Defeated by British troops and Canadian volunteers.
- 1840** Upper and Lower Canada were united.
- 1842-1869** Geological survey of Canada by Sir William Logan.
- 1847-48** First British North American colony to attain full Responsible Government was Nova Scotia.
- 1848-49** Lord Elgin introduces Responsible Government to United Canada
- 1849** Sir Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine becomes the first head of Responsible Government in Canada.
- 1850's** Canada's soldiers began using the Maple leaf cap badge.
- 1853** **May Ann (Shadd) Carey** became first woman publisher in Canada.
- 1854** The Victoria Cross has been awarded to 96 Canadians since this date.
- 1857** Ottawa selected as Capital by Queen Victoria.

- 1860's** When Parliament buildings in Ottawa were first completed.
- 1864** Sir Leonard Tilley suggests the term Dominion of Canada.
- 1867** The British North America Act. Canada's original constitutional document.
- 1867** The British North America Act now known as the Constitution Act of 1867.
- July 1, 1867** Fathers of Confederation established the Dominion of Canada.
- 1867** Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia & New Brunswick form the Dominion
- 1867** Sir John Alexander Macdonald becomes Canada's first Prime Minister.
- 1869** Canada took over the northwest region from Hudson Bay Co.
- 1870** Ottawa sent soldiers to retake Fort Garry from Louis Riel.
- 1870** Manitoba & Northwest Territories (NWT) join.
- 1871** British Columbia joins after promise of a Railroad link.
- 1873** PEI joins.
- 1873** North West Mounted Police formed.
- 1880** Transfer of the Arctic Islands to N.W.T.
- 1880** O Canada first sung in Quebec City.
- 1885** Second rebellion in present day Saskatchewan which led to Riel's trial and execution.
- 1885** Banff National Park established.
- Nov. 7th 1885** Canadian Pacific Railway completed. Symbol of Unity.
- 1890's** Gold rush in the Yukon.
- 1891** James Naismith invents basketball.

- 1892** Stanley Cup donated by Lord Stanley.
- 1890's-1900's** Canada's economy grew from an economic boom.
- 1898** Yukon Territory joins.
- 1800's- 1980's** Federal Government placed many Aboriginal children in residential schools.
- 1899-1902** South African war, known as the Boer War.
- 1900** Canadians took part in the battles of Paaderberg & Lillefontein.
- 1905** Alberta and Saskatchewan join.
- 1914** Britain declared war when Germany attacked Belgium and France.
- 1915** The poem "In Flanders Fields" is composed.
- 1916** Manitoba became first province to grant voting rights to women.
- 1916** Centre block of Parliament was destroyed in a fire and rebuilt in 1922.
- April 1917** Canadian Corps captured Vimy Ridge.
- April 9<sup>th</sup>** Vimy Day.
- 1917** Sir Robert Boden gave women the right to vote in Federal elections. First to nurses at the battle front.
- Aug.8th 1918** Battle of Amiens.
- Nov. 11Th 1918** The First World War ended.
- November 11<sup>th</sup>** Remembrance day.
- 1918** Most Canadian female citizens over 21 were granted the right to vote in Federal elections.
- 1920's** Group of Seven founded.

- 1921** King George V assigns Canada's national colours of red & white.
- 1921** Canada's first female member of parliament, Agnes MacPhail.
- 1927** Old age security was devised.
- 1927** Peace Tower was completed in memory of the First World War.
- 1928, '32, '36** Phil Edwards wins bronze medals for Canada in the Olympics.
- 1929** Stock market crash. Unemployment reached 27% in **1933**.
- 1934** Bank of Canada created.
- 1937** John Buchan stated that “immigrant groups should retain their individuality and each make its contribution to the national character”.
- 1939** Second World War began.
- 1940** Quebec women granted the right to vote.
- 1940** Employment Insurance was introduced.
- 1943-44** Liberation of Italy.
- 1944-45** Canada liberates the Netherlands.
- June 6th 1944** D-Day invasion.
- 1944-45** Canada liberates the Netherlands.
- May 8th 1945** Germany surrenders.
- August 14th 1945** Japan surrenders.
- 1945-1970** During this time Canada draws closer to the USA.
- 1947** Discovery of oil in Alberta.

- 1948** Japanese Canadians given the right to vote.
- 1949** Newfoundland and Labrador join.
- 1950-53** Korean War.
- 1950's** Quebec was pioneer in modern abstract art.
- 1951** For the first time, the majority of Canadians are able to afford adequate food.
- 1952** Queen Elizabeth II has been Queen of Canada since this date.
- 1956** Canada welcomed 37,000 people from Communist Hungary.
- 1960** Quebec experiences the Quiet Revolution.
- 1960** Aboriginals given the right to vote.
- 1960's** 1/3 of Canadians had origins that were neither British or French.
- 1965** Canada and Quebec pension plans devised.
- 1965** The new Canadian Flag raised for the first time.
- 1967** Canada starts its own honours system.
- 1969** The Official Languages Act.
- 1970's** The term First Nations began to be used.
- 1970** Canada helped found La Francophonie organization.
- 1975** Canada welcomed 50,000 people from Communist Vietnam.
- 1979-1988** Wayne Gretzky played for the Edmonton Oilers
- 1980** Terry Fox began his cross country run.
- 1980** O Canada proclaimed as the National Anthem.

**1980 & 1995** Referendum dates in Quebec.

**1982** The constitution of Canada was amended to entrench the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

**1985** Rick Hansen circled the globe in a wheelchair.

**1988** Canadian Government apologizes for the treatment of Canadians of Japanese origin, during World War Two.

**1988** Canada enacted a free trade agreement with the USA.

**Since 1989** Canadian space agency has participated in space exploration.

**1994** Mexico joins Canada and USA to form NAFTA.

**1999** Nunavut joins the confederation.

**2002** The Queens Golden Jubilee.

**2005** Clarkson Cup donated by Adrienne Clarkson.

**2006** House of Commons recognizes that the Quebecois form a nation within a United Canada.

**2006** Canadian Government apologizes for the discriminatory policy of the Chinese head tax.

**2008** Ottawa formally apologized to the former students of residential schools.

**2012** The Queens Diamond Jubilee.