

## **Dates in same order as study guide**

*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.*

- 1215** The signing of the *Magna Carta*. (Great charter of Freedoms)
- 1982** The constitution of Canada was amended to entrench the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.
- 1867** *The British North America Act*. Canada's original constitutional document.
- 1800's- 1980's** Federal Government placed many Aboriginal children in residential schools.
- 2008** Ottawa formally apologized to the former students of residential schools.
- 1970's** The term *First Nations* began to be used.
- 1937** *John Buchan* stated that "immigrant groups should retain their individuality and each make its contribution to the national character".
- 1604** French colonists began settling.
- 1755-1763** Britain and France at war. During this time more than 2/3 of Acadians were deported from their homeland – the *Great Upheaval*.
- 2006** House of Commons recognizes that the Quebecois form a nation within a United Canada.
- 1600's to the 20<sup>th</sup> Century** English, Welsh, Scottish & Irish settlers arrived.
- 1497** *John Cabot* expedition. First person to draw maps of Canada's East coast.
- 1534 – 1542** *Jacques Cartier* made three voyages across the atlantic. *Canada* started appearing on maps by **1550**.
- 1604** First European settlement north of Florida was established by *Pierre de Monts* and *Samuel de Champlain*.
- 1608** *Champlain* built a fortress at what is now Quebec City.

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- 1701**      *French and Iroquois made peace.*
- 1670**      *King Charles II of England granted the Hudson Bay Co. Exclusive trading rights over the watershed draining into Hudson Bay.*
- Early 1600's**      English colonies along the Atlantic seaboard.
- 1700's**      *England and France battled for control of North America.*
- 1759**      British defeat the French in the battle of the *Plains of Abraham* at Quebec City.
- 1774**      The *British Parliament* passed the *Quebec Act*.
- 1776**      13 British colonies to the south of Quebec declared independence and formed the United States.
- 1792**      Some black Nova Scotians moved on to establish Freetown in Sierra Leone.
- 1690**      *Count Frontenac* refused to surrender Quebec to the British.
- 1775**      *Sir Guy Carleton* defeated an American invasion attempt of Quebec.
- 1782 – 1783**      Loyalist migration to Nova Scotia and Quebec.
- 1758**      First representative assembly elected in Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- 1773**      First representative assembly in P.E.I.
- 1785**      First representative assembly in New Brunswick.
- 1791**      *Constitutional Act*.
- 1793**      Upper Canada becomes first province to move towards abolition of slavery.
- 1807**      British Parliament bans the buying and selling of slaves.
- 1833**      Britain abolishes slavery throughout the Empire.
- 1832**      Montreal stock exchange opened.
- 1853**      May Ann (Shadd) Carey became first woman publisher in Canada.
- 1812**      The fight for Canada, when America tried to invade Canada.

- 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).
- 1814** Canadians burn down the White House.
- 1814** *Duke of Wellington* sends soldiers to defend Canada.
- 1813** *Laura Secord* travels 19 miles by foot to warn of US invasion.
- 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.
- 1812-1814** *Maj. Gen. Sir Isaac Brock* and *Chief Tecumseh* fought together to beat the US invasion.
- July 1, 1867** *Fathers of Confederation* established the *Dominion of Canada*.
- 1840** Upper and Lower Canada were united.
- 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
- 1867** *The British North America Act* now known as the *Constitution Act of 1867*.
- 1921** King George V assigns Canada's national colours of red & white.
- 1864** *Sir Leonard Tilley* suggests the term *Dominion of Canada*.
- 1849** *Sir Louis-Hippolyte La Fontaine* becomes the first head of *Responsible Government* in Canada.
- 1867** Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia & New Brunswick form the Dominion.
- 1870** Manitoba & Northwest Territories (NWT) join.
- 1871** British Columbia joins after promise of a Railroad link.
- 1873** PEI joins.

- 1880** Transfer of the Arctic Islands to NW.T.
- 1898** Yukon Territory joins.
- 1905** Alberta and Saskatchewan join.
- 1949** Newfoundland and Labrador join.
- 1999** Nunavut joins.
- 1867** *Sir John Alexander Macdonald* becomes Canada's first Prime Minister.
- Jan. 11<sup>th</sup> 1815** *Sir John Alexander Macdonald* born on Scotland.
- Jan 11<sup>th</sup>** *Sir John Alexander Macdonald* day.
- 1869** Canada took over the northwest region from Hudson Bay Co.
- 1870** Ottawa sent soldiers to retake *Fort Garry* from *Louis Riel*.
- 1885** Second rebellion in present day Saskatchewan which led to *Riel's* trial and execution.
- 1873** North West Mounted Police formed.
- Nov. 7<sup>th</sup> 1885** Canadian Pacific Railway completed. Symbol of Unity.
- 2006** Canadian Government apologizes for the discriminatory policy of the *Chinese head tax*.
- 1890's-1900's** Canada's economy grew from an economic boom.
- 1899-1902** *South African war*, known as the Boer War.
- 1900** Canadians took part in the battles of *Paaderberg & Lillefontein*.
- 1914** Britain declared war when Germany attacked Belgium and France.
- April 1917** *Canadian Corps* captured *Vimy Ridge*.
- April 9th** *Vimy Day*.
- Aug.8<sup>th</sup> 1918** *Battle of Amiens*.
- Nov. 11th 1918** The *First World War* ended.

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** *Remembrance day.*

**1916** *Manitoba* became first province to grant voting rights to women.

**1917** *Sir Robert Boden* gave women the right to vote in Federal elections. First to nurses at the battle front.

**1918** Most Canadian female citizens over 21 were granted the right to vote in Federal elections.

**1921** Canada's first female member of parliament, *Agnes MacPhail*.

**1940** Quebec women granted the right to vote.

**1850's** Canada's soldiers began using the Maple leaf cap badge.

**1915** The poem "*In Flanders Fields*" is composed.

**1929** Stock market crash. Unemployment reached 27% in **1933**.

**1934** Bank of Canada created.

**1928, '32, '36** Phil Edwards wins bronze medals for Canada in the Olympics.

**June 6<sup>th</sup> 1944** *D-Day invasion.*

**1943-44** Liberation of Italy.

**1944-45** Canada liberates the Netherlands.

**May 8<sup>th</sup> 1945** Germany surrenders.

**1939** Second World War began.

**August 14<sup>th</sup> 1945** Japan surrenders.

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

**1947** Discovery of oil in Alberta.

**1951** For the first time, the majority of Canadians are able to afford adequate food.

**1945-1970** During this time Canada draws closer to the USA.

**1940** Employment Insurance was introduced.

**1927** Old age security was devised.

**1965** Canada and Quebec pension plans devised.

**1950-53** Korean War.

**1960** Quebec experiences the *Quiet Revolution*.

**1969** *The Official Languages Act*.

**1970** Canada helped found *La Francophonie* organization.

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

**1948** Japanese Canadians given the right to vote.

**1960** Aboriginals given the right to vote.

**1956** Canada welcomed 37,000 people from Communist Hungary.

**1975** Canada welcomed 50,000 people from Communist Vietnam.

**1960'S** 1/3 of Canadians had origins that were neither British or French.

**1920's** *Group of Seven* founded.

**1950's** Quebec was pioneer in modern abstract art.

**1891** James Naismith invents basketball.

**1996** Olympic medal winners Donovan Bailey & Chantal Petitclerc.

**1979-1988** Wayne Gretzky played for the Edmonton Oilers.

**1980** *Terry Fox* began his cross country run.

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

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

**1952** Queen Elizabeth II has been Queen of Canada since this date.

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- 2002** The Queens Golden Jubilee.
- 2012** The Queens Diamond Jubilee.
- 1965** The new Canadian Flag raised for the first time.
- 1700's** When the French Canadians first started using the Maple Leaf as a symbol. Has appeared on Canadian uniforms since **1850**.
- 496** The year that the *Fleur-de-Lys* was adopted by the French King.
- 1860's** When Parliament buildings in Ottawa were first completed.
- 1916** Centre block of Parliament was destroyed in a fire and rebuilt in **1922**.
- 1927** Peace Tower was completed in memory of the First World War.
- 1800's** Ice hockey developed in Canada.
- 1892** *Stanley Cup* donated by *Lord Stanley*.
- 2005** *Clarkson Cup* donated by *Adrienne Clarkson*.
- 1980** *O Canada* proclaimed as the National Anthem.
- 1880** *O Canada* first sung in Quebec City.
- 1967** Canada starts its own honours system.
- 1854** The *Victoria Cross* has been awarded to 96 Canadians since this date.
- 1988** Canada enacted a free trade agreement with the USA.
- 1994** Mexico joins them in the form of NAFTA.
- 1857** Ottawa selected as Capital by Queen Victoria.
- 1885** Banff National Park established.
- 1890's** Gold rush in the Yukon.
- 1842-1869** Geological survey of Canada by *Sir William Logan*.
- 1576** *Martin Frobisher* penetrated the uncharted Arctic.