

Grande Prairie Regional College

History 2610

Canada: 1867 – 2006

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This is an introductory survey course that examines the development of Canada from Confederation to the present. Major topics/themes include national expansion, resistance and the rise of regionalism; Quebec'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. 14)
- 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

3 Introduction/Canada and Sir John A Macdonald

Readings: Text Chap. 1, pp. 2 – 18; Chap. 2 pp.20– 29
Suggested further readings (LRC Reserve); Warner, *The Post Confederation Annexation Movement in Nova Scotia*

8 Canada and the North – West

Readings: Text Chap. 2 pp. 29 – 33

10 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*

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

Readings: Text Chap. 3 pp. 39 – 48

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

Readings: Text. Chap. 3 pp.44 – 48

Note: Historiographical Debate: Metis Migrations pp. 56 – 57

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

22 National Unity and the Old Chieftan

Readings: Text Chap. 3 pp. 48 – 57

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

29 Canada in the Laurier Era 1896 – 1911

Readings:Text Chap.4 pp.61 – 77

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

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

February

5 Immigration into Canada

Readings: text Chap. 6 pp. 109 – 126

7 Henri Bourassa and French Canada/The Election of 1911

Readings: Text Review Chap 4 pp. 71 – 72; Chap. 4, pp.75 - 77

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

12 Canada and World War 1

Readings: Text Chap. 4 pp. 77 – 80; Chap. 9 pp. 183 - 198

14 Mid – term

26 The Conscription Crisis of 1917

Note : Conscription: Historiographical Debate pp. 203

28 Reform, Recession and Class Conflict Part 1

March

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

Readings Text Chap. 7 pp.130 – 150; Chap. 8 pp. 155 – 179; Chap. 9 200 -204

Note: The Suffragists: Historiographical Debate pp. 149 – 150.

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) Walter Young, *The Progressives*.

13 The Great Depression Part 1

Readings: Text Chap 11 pp. 231 - 252

Note: Populism, Right and Left: Historiographical debate pp. 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 – 247; Chap. 13 pp. 272 – 289.

25 Canada and WW 11

Readings: Text Chap. 14 pp. 292 – 316

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

Readings: Text Chap. 15 pp.322 – 335; Chap. 17 pp. 369 - 389

Note: Origins of the Welfare State: A Historiographical Debate p. 316

31 Diefenbaker and Pearson

Readings: Chap. 16 pp. 347 - 366

April

1 The Quiet Revolution

Readings: Chap. 15 pp. 335 – 344; Chap.19 pp.413 – 426.

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

3 The Trudeau Era

Readings: Text Review Chap. 20 pp. 432 - 445

8 The Mulroney Years

Readings: Text Chap. 21 pp. 448 - 471

Note: If Quebec Leaves: Historiographical Debate pp. 470 - 471

11 :Chretien/ Martin and the Liberals

Readings: Text Chap. 21 pp. 467 – 471; Chap.22 474 – 492.