

Grande Prairie Regional College
History 2610
Canada: 1867 - present

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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; 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:

R. Douglas Francis, R. Jones and Donald Smith, Destines: Canadian History Since Confederation (Holt, Rinehart, Winston)

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

Requirements and Grading:

Mid - term examination - 20% (Feb. 17)
Essay (approx. 2500 words) - 40% (due March 3)
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 will not receive the instructor's written comments.

Lecture Topics and Schedule

January

6 Introduction/Canada and Sir John A. Macdonald

Destines chapter 1

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) Warner, "The Post - Confederation Annexation Movement in Nova Scotia"

8 Canada and The North - West

11 Rounding Out Confederation: B.C. and P.E.I.

Destines Chapter 2

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) Sage, "British Columbia Becomes Canadian, 1871 - 1901"

Weale and Baglole, "The Island and Confederation: The End of An Era"

13 Sir John A.: Nation Builder Run Afoul

Destines Chapter 3.

15 Alexander Mackenzie and the Liberals, 1874 - 1878.

18 The National Policy and the Resurgence of Sir John A.

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) Dales, "Canada's National Policies".

20 The North - West Rebellion 18184 - 86.

Destines Chapter 4

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

22 Riel and Quebec.

25 National Unity and the Old Chieftain

Destines Chapter 5

27 Liberalism and the Liberal Party 1878 - 1891

29 Decline and Fall of the Conservative Party 1891 - 1896

February

1 Canada in the Laurier Era, 1896 - 1911 Part 1

Destines Chapter 6

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) Carl Berger, "Imperialism and Nationalism, 1884 - 1914: A Conflict in Canadian Thought".

3 Canada in the Laurier Era, 1896 - 1911 Part 11

Destines Chapter 7

5 Immigration into Canada

8 Henri Bourassa and French Canada

Destines Chapter 8

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) J. Levitt, "Henri Bourassa on Imperialism and Biculturalism 1900 - 1918".

10 The Election of 1911

12 Canada and World War I

Destines Chapter 9

Suggested Further Readings (LRC Reserve) Roger Sarty and Brereton Greenhous, "The Great War".

15 Family Day - no classes

17 Mid - term test

19 The Conscription Crisis of 1917

March

1 Reform, Recession and Class Conflict Part 1

Destines Chapter 10

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

5 MacKenzie King

Destines Chapter 11

8 The Progressives/The "Roaring" Twenties

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) Walter Young, "The Progressives".

10 The Great Depression Part 1

Destines Chapter 12

12 The Great Depression Part II

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) James Struthers,
"Canada's Unemployment Policy in the 1930's".

15 Aberhart and the Social Credit

17 Duplessis and Quebec

19 Canada and WW II Part I

Destines Chapters 13 & 14

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) James Eayrs, "A Low Dishonest Decade: Aspects of Canadian External Policy....".

22 Canada and WW II Part II

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

Destines Chapters 15, 16 & 18.

26 Diefenbaker and Pearson

Destines Chapters 20 & 21

29 The Quiet Revolution

Destines Chapter 17

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) Richard Jones, "Politics and the Reinforcement of French Language in Canada and Quebec".

31 The Trudeau Era Part I

April

5 The Trudeau Era Part II

Suggested further Readings (LRC Reserve) Kenneth McRoberts,
"Separate Agendas...".

7 The Mulroney Years

Destines Chapter 22

9 Chretien and the Liberals

12 Good Friday - No Classes

14 Recapitulation

16 Review