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**Grande Prairie Regional College**

**History 4550**

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**Topics in the History of Canadian External Relations**

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In general, this course examines Canada's diplomatic, political and cultural inter - relationship with its two great mentors - Great Britain and the United States. More specifically, discussions will focus on the development of Canadian foreign policy (from Laurier to Mulroney) with particular emphasis on Canada's "middle power" role in global affairs during the Cold War period. The format is a weekly lecture/seminar session.

**Required Texts:**

J.L. Granatstein and Norman Hillmer, Empire to Umpire: Canada and the World to the 1990's.

J.L. Granatstein, Canadian Foreign Policy: Historical Readings

In addition, there will be required readings on a weekly basis available on GPRC Library reserve.

**Requirements and Grading:**

Bibliographical essay (1000 - 1500 words) - 25% (due Nov. 2)  
Major essay (3000 - 3500 words) - 50% (due Nov. 30)  
Class discussion - 25%

**Schedule: (Fall Semester) Monday Evening**

**Week One (Sept 7): Introduction/ Confederation: British Attitude, American Influence.**

**Week Two (Sept 14): The Diplomacy of the New Dominion, 1867 - 1896**

Readings: J.L. Granatstein and Norman Hillmer, Empire to Umpire, Introduction pp. 1 - 11.

Lawrence Martin, The Presidents and the Prime Ministers Chapters One and Two (LRC Reserve).

**Week Three (Sept. 21) : Laurier in the Age of Imperialism, 1896 - 1911**

Readings. Empire to Umpire, Chapter One pp. 13 - 50.

James Eayrs, "The Origins of Canada's Department of External Affairs" in Historical Readings pp. 108 - 131.

**Week Four (Sept 28) : Borden and World War I**

Readings: Empire to Umpire, Chapter Two pp. 51 - 81

R. C. Brown, Sir Robert Borden, The Great War and Anglo - Canadian Relations (LRC Reserve)

Robert Bothwell, "Borden and the Bolsheviks" (LRC Reserve)

**Week Five (Oct. 5) : Developing Canadian Foreign Policy 1921  
- 1939**

Readings: Empire to Umpire, Chapters Three and Four pp 83 - 152

Mackenzie King At The Imperial Conference, 1923 in Historical Readings pp. 8 - 22.

Escott Reid, "Canada and the Threat of War" in Historical Readings pp 150 - 57.

J.L. Granatstein and Robert Bothwell, "Canadian Foreign Policy, 1935 - 1939" in Historical Readings pp. 158 - 180

**Week Six (Oct. 19): King and World War II**

Readings: Empire to Umpire Chapter Five pp. 153 - 180

Robert Bothwell and John English, "Canadian Trade Policy, 1943 - 47" in Historical Readings pp 181 - 194

J. L. Granatstein, "Staring In To The Abyss" (LRC Reserve).

**Week Seven (Oct. 26): Canada, the United Nations and the  
Western Alliance**

Readings: Empire to Umpire Chapter Six pp 181- 209.

Louis St.Laurent, "Principles of Canadian Policy" in Historical Readings pp.28 - 37

Escott Reid, "Creation of the North Atlantic Alliance, 1948 - 49" in Historical Readings pp. 195 - 222.

R. A. MacKay, "The Canadian Doctrine of the Middle Powers" (LRC Reserve)

**Week Eight (Nov.2): Canada, the United States and the Cold War, 1945 - 53. (Essay due).**

Readings: Empire to Umpire Chapter Seven pp. 211 - 238

R.D Cuff and J.L. Granatatein, "Corporal Pearson, General Acheon and the Cold War" (LRC Reserve)

R.D. Cuff and J.L Granatatein, "Another Look at the Cold War" (LRC Reserve)

**Week Nine (Nov. 9): Canadian Perceptions of the Soviet Threat: The Cold War on the Domestic Front**

Robert Bothwell and John English, "Public Opinion, Canadian Political Parties, National Security and the Soviet Union" (LRC Reserve)

J. Petryshyn, "The Ethnic Question in Canadian - Soviet Relations. The Case of the Ukrainian - Canadians" (LRC Reserve)

William Kaplan, "John Watkins and Cold War Russia" (LRC Reserve)

David J. Bercuson, "A People so Ruthless as the Soviets: Canadian Images of the Cold War and the Soviet Union, 1946 - 1950" (LRC Reserve)

**Week Ten (Nov. 18): "Going Nuclear" Under Diefenbaker**

Readings: Empire to Umpire Chapter Eight pp.239 - 264

Diefenbaker on Nuclear Weapons H of Commons Debates 25 Jan 1963 (LRC Reserve)

Pearson flipflop Globe and Mail Jan 14, 1963 (LRC Reserve)

John Hilliker, "The Politicians and Pearsonalities: Diefenbaker Gov't and the Conduct of Can. External Relations" in Historical Readings pp 223 - 39

Jocelyn Maynard Ghent, "Canada, the United States and the Cuban Missile Crisis" (LRC Reserve)

**Week Eleven (Nov. 23): The Pearson Years: "Quiet Diplomacy" or "Quiet Complicity?" Canada and the War in Indo China.**

Readings: Empire to Umpire pp. 265 - 284

John Holmes, "Canada and the Vietnam War" in Historical Readings pp. 240 - 251.

Victor Levant, "Quiet Diplomacy: Canadian Involvement in the Vietnam War" (LRC Reserve)

**Week Twelve (Nov. 30): From New Directions to Supporting Uncle Sam: Foreign Policy under Trudeau and Mulroney**

Readings: Empire to Umpire Chapters Ten, Eleven, Conclusion pp 285 - 351.

Harld von Riekhoff, "The Impact of PM Trudeau on Foreign Policy" in Historical Readings 286 - 299

The Mulroney Government Policy 1985 in Historical Readings pp. 73 - 104.