

SEP 29 2000

Grande Prairie Regional College

History 4550

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 Chretien) with a 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 Readings:

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

There is also required readings on a weekly basis available at LRC Reserve desk.

Requirements and Grading:

Bibliographical essay (1500 – 2000 words)	– 25% due November 6.
Major essay (3000 – 3500 words)	- 50% due December 4.
Class work/discussion	- 25%

Schedule: (Fall Semester Monday Evening)

Week One (September 11): Introduction/Confederation: British Attitude, American Influence.

Week Two (September 18): The Diplomacy of the New Dominion, 1867 – 1896.

Readings: Granatstein and Hillmer (henceforth Text) Introduction pp. 1 – 11.
Lawrence Martin, *The Presidents and the Prime Ministers* Chap. two and three (LRC Reserve)

Week Three (September 25): Laurier in the Age of Imperialism, 1896 – 1911

Readings: Text Chap. One pp. 13 – 50.
James Eayrs, *The Origins of Canada's Department of External Affairs* (LRC Reserve)

Week Four (October 2) Borden and World War 1

Readings: Text Chap. 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 (October 16) Developing Canadian Foreign Policy, 1921 – 1939

Readings: Text Chap. Three and Four pp.83 – 152.

J. L. Granatstein and Robert Bothwell, "A Self – Evident National Duty": *Canadian Foreign Policy, 1935 – 1939*

Week Six (October 23) King and World War 11

Readings: Text Chap. Five pp. 153 – 180

J. L. Granatstein, "Staring into the Abyss" (LRC Reserve)

Robert Bothwell and John English, *Canadian Trade Policy, 1943 – 1947*(LRC Reserve)

Hector Mackenzie, *Sinews of War and Peace: The Politics of Economic Aid to Britain, 1939 – 1945.* (LRC Reserve)

Week Seven (October 30) Canada, the United Nations and the Western Alliance.

Readings: Text Chap. Six pp. 181 – 209

Escott Reid, *Creation of the North Atlantic Alliance, 1948 – 1949* (LRC Reserve)

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

Adam Chapnick, *The Canadian Middle Power Myth*, (LRC Reserve)

Week Eight (November 6) Canada, the United States and the Cold war, 1945 – 1953 (Essay due)

Readings: Text Chap. Seven pp. 211 – 238.

R. D Cuff and J. L. Granatstein, *Corporal Pearson, General Acheon and the Cold War*, LRC Reserve)

R. D. Cuff and J. L. Granatstein, *Another look at the Cold War* (LRC Reserve)

Thomas M. Nichols, *Lessons from the New History of the Cold War*, (LRC Reserve)

Week Nine (November 13) 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, 1917 – 1991*, (LRC Reserve)

Robert Bothwell, *The Cold War and the Curate's Egg* (LRC Reserve)

Roger W. Bowen, *Cold War, McCartyism, and Murder by Slander: E. H. Norman's Death in Perspective.*(LRC Reserve)

Week Ten (November 20) "Going Nuclear" Under Diefenbaker

Readings: Text Chap. Eight pp.239 – 264

Diefenbaker on Nuclear Weapons (House of Commons Debates, Jan.25, 1963) (LRC Reserve)

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

John Hilliker, *The Politicians and Personalities: Diefenbaker Government and the Conduct of Canadian External Relations*, (LRC Reserve)

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

Week Eleven (November 27) The Pearson Years: "Quiet Diplomacy" or "Quiet Complicity"? Canada and the War in Indo China

Readings: Text Chap. Nine pp. 265 – 284.

Canada and the Pentagon Papers (LRC Reserve)

John Holmes, *Canada and the Vietnam War*,(LRC Reserve)

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

Week Twelve (December 4) From New Directions to Supporting Uncle Sam: Foreign Policy under Trudeau and Mulroney

Readings: Text Chap. Ten, Eleven and Conclusion pp. 285 – 351

Harid von Riehoff, *The Impact of PM Trudeau on Foreign Policy*,(LRC Reserve)

Beth A. Fischer, *The Trudeau Peace Initiative and the End of the Cold War: Catalyst or Coincidence?*,(LRC Reserve)

Tom Keating and Nicholas Gammer, *The 'New Look' in Canada's Foreign Policy*, (LRC Reserve)