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CANADIAN HISTORY

UNDERSTAND CANADA'S PAST, BUILD YOUR FUTURE

KEY EVENTS | IMPORTANT PEOPLE | MILESTONES | MODERN CANADA



SIMPLE & EASY
TO UNDERSTAND



FROM EARLY
HISTORY TO TODAY



FOCUS ON KEY
FACTS



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Canadian History Explained

A Simple Guide to Canada's Past

Canada's history is an important part of the Canadian citizenship test. Understanding how the country developed helps explain Canada's government, traditions, values, and identity.

This guide provides a simple overview of the key historical events every citizenship applicant should know.

● The First Peoples

Long before European settlers arrived, Indigenous Peoples lived throughout what is now Canada.

There are three main Indigenous groups:

- **First Nations**
- **Inuit**
- **Métis**

For thousands of years, Indigenous Peoples developed rich cultures, languages, traditions, and systems of government. Their contributions continue to shape Canada today.

✚ European Exploration

European explorers began arriving in North America several centuries ago.

France and Britain established settlements and trading relationships, particularly through the fur trade.

These early settlements played an important role in Canada's development.

✕ France and Britain

For many years, France and Britain competed for control of North America.

Eventually, Britain became the governing power over most of what is now Canada.

French language and culture remained an important part of Canadian society and continue to be celebrated today.

CA Confederation

One of the most important events in Canadian history is **Confederation**.

On **July 1, 1867**, several colonies united to create the Dominion of Canada.

This date is celebrated every year as **Canada Day**.

Confederation marked the beginning of modern Canada.

Growth of Canada

After Confederation, Canada continued to grow.

New provinces and territories joined the country over time, helping shape the Canada we know today.

Today Canada consists of:

- **10 Provinces**
- **3 Territories**

Building the Railway

The Canadian Pacific Railway helped connect communities across the country.

The railway encouraged trade, settlement, and travel, making it easier for people and goods to move across Canada.

It played a significant role in uniting the country.

Canada's Role in the World

Canada has contributed to many international efforts throughout its history.

Canadians have served in times of conflict and have participated in peacekeeping, humanitarian assistance, and international cooperation.

These contributions are an important part of Canada's history and identity.

Becoming a Diverse Nation

People from around the world have made Canada their home.

Immigration has contributed to Canada's growth and cultural diversity.

Today Canada is known for welcoming newcomers and respecting many cultures, languages, and traditions.

Rights and Freedoms

Over time, Canada has strengthened the rights and freedoms of people living in the country.

These rights help protect equality, democracy, and respect for all individuals.

Learning about Canada's history also helps explain how these values developed.

Important Historical Milestones

Here are some major events to remember:

- Indigenous Peoples have lived in Canada for thousands of years.
- European explorers established early settlements.
- France and Britain both influenced Canada's development.
- Confederation created Canada in 1867.
- Canada expanded as provinces and territories joined.
- The railway helped unite the country.
- Canada has welcomed immigrants from around the world.
- Canada continues to value democracy, freedom, and diversity.

How to Study Canadian History

To prepare for the citizenship test:

- ✓ Read the history sections of the Discover Canada guide.
- ✓ Create a timeline of important events.
- ✓ Review key people and historical milestones.
- ✓ Practice history questions regularly.

Quick Review

Remember these key facts:

- ✓ Indigenous Peoples were Canada's first inhabitants.
- ✓ France and Britain influenced Canada's early history.
- ✓ Confederation took place in **1867**.
- ✓ Canada has **10 provinces and 3 territories**.
- ✓ Immigration has helped shape modern Canada.

Ready to Practice?

History questions are an important part of the Canadian citizenship test. Strengthen your knowledge with realistic practice questions and build your confidence before exam day.



Canadian History Explained

Discover the key events, people, and milestones that shaped Canada, from Indigenous history to Confederation and modern Canada.

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- **[Government of Canada – Canadian Citizenship](#)**
- **[Official *Discover Canada* Study Guide](#)**