

DISCOVER CANADA IMPORTANT DATES

Learn the most important dates for the Canadian Citizenship Test.

 Date / Year	 Historical Event
1000 years ago	Vikings reached Labrador and Newfoundland
1215	Magna Carta signed in England
1497	John Cabot mapped Canada's East Coast
1534–1542	Jacques Cartier made three voyages
1550s	Name “Canada” appeared on maps
1604	First European settlement north of Florida
1608	Québec City founded
1670	Hudson's Bay Company received trading rights
1701	French and Iroquois made peace
1758	First representative assembly elected in Halifax
1759	Battle of the Plains of Abraham
1763	Royal Proclamation
1774	Quebec Act
1775	American invasion of Quebec defeated
1776	United States declared independence
1782–1783	Loyalists migrated to Nova Scotia and Quebec
1791	Constitutional Act divided Quebec into Upper and Lower Canada
1792	Some Black Nova Scotians moved to Sierra Leone
1793	Upper Canada moved toward abolition of slavery
1807	British Parliament prohibited slave trade
1812–1814	War of 1812
1813	Laura Secord warned of an American attack
1814	American attempt to conquer Canada failed
1832	Montreal Stock Exchange opened
1833	Slavery abolished throughout the British Empire
1837–1838	Rebellions in Upper and Lower Canada
1840	Upper and Lower Canada united
1847–1848	Nova Scotia achieved responsible government
1848–1849	Responsible government introduced in United Canada
1849	La Fontaine became first leader of responsible government

1853	Mary Ann Shadd Cary became first woman publisher in Canada
1864–1867	Fathers of Confederation worked to create Canada
July 1, 1867	Dominion of Canada officially born
1867	John A. Macdonald became Canada's first Prime Minister
1869	Canada took over the northwest from Hudson's Bay Company
1870	Manitoba and Northwest Territories joined Canada
1871	British Columbia joined Canada
1873	Prince Edward Island joined Canada; NWMP established
1880	Arctic Islands transferred to Northwest Territories
November 7, 1885	Last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway
1885	Second Métis résistance; Louis Riel executed
1891	Basketball invented by Canadian James Naismith
1898	Yukon Territory created
1899–1902	South African War / Boer War
1905	Alberta and Saskatchewan joined Canada
1909	Grey Cup donated by Lord Grey
1914	First World War began for Canada
1914–1920	Internment of former Austro-Hungarian subjects
1916	Manitoba first province to grant women voting rights
April 9, 1917	Battle of Vimy Ridge
1918	Most Canadian women gained federal voting rights
November 11, 1918	First World War ended
1920	Group of Seven founded
1921	Agnes Macphail became first woman MP
1927	Old Age Security devised
1929	Stock market crash
1933	Unemployment reached 27%
1934	Bank of Canada created
1939	Second World War began
1940	Quebec women gained the vote; unemployment insurance introduced
1941	Defence of Hong Kong
1942	Dieppe Raid
1943–1944	Canadians helped liberate Italy
June 6, 1944	D-Day / Juno Beach
1944–1945	Canadian Army liberated the Netherlands
May 8, 1945	War ended in Europe

August 14, 1945	Japan surrendered
1947	Oil discovery in Alberta began modern energy industry
1948	Japanese Canadians gained the right to vote
1949	Newfoundland and Labrador joined Canada
1950–1953	Korean War
1951	Majority of Canadians could afford basic needs
1956	Hungarian refugees came to Canada
1960	Aboriginal people granted the vote
1963	Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism
1965	Canada and Quebec Pension Plans created
1967	Order of Canada started
1969	Official Languages Act
1970	Canada helped found La Francophonie
1972	Canada-Soviet Summit Series winning goal
1975	Vietnamese refugees came to Canada
1980	Quebec sovereignty referendum defeated; 'O Canada' became national anthem
1982	Constitution amended; Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms entrenched
1985	Rick Hansen began wheelchair journey around the world
1988	Canada apologized for Japanese Canadian wartime wrongs; free trade with U.S. enacted
1989	Canadian Space Agency began participating in space exploration
1994	Mexico joined NAFTA
1995	Second Quebec sovereignty referendum defeated
1996	Donovan Bailey won Olympic gold
1999	Nunavut created
2002	Catriona Le May Doan won Olympic gold
2006	Canada apologized for Chinese Head Tax policy
2008	Canada apologized to former residential school students

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