

Canada's Timeline

1608 Samuel de Champlain establishes the first fortified trading post at Quebec.

1759 The British defeat the French in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.

1812 The United States declares war against Canada.

1845 The expedition of Sir John Franklin to the Arctic ends when the ship is frozen in the pack ice; the fate of its crew remains a mystery.

1869 Louis Riel leads his Metis followers in the Red River Rebellion.

1871 British Columbia joins Canada.

1885 At Craigellachie, British Columbia, the last spike is driven to complete the building of the Canadian Pacific Railway.

1898 The Yukon Territory becomes an official territory of Canada.

1914 Britain declares war on Germany, and Canada, because of its ties to Britain, is at war too.

1918 As a result of the Wartime Elections Act, the women of Canada are given the right to vote in federal elections.

1945 World War II ends conclusively with the dropping of atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.



1755 The British expel the entire French population of Acadia (today's Maritime provinces), sending them into exile.

1776 The 13 Colonies revolt against Britain, and the Loyalists flee to Canada.

1784 Rachel



1837 Calling for responsible government, the Patriotes, following Louis-Joseph Papineau, rebel in Lower Canada; William Lyon Mackenzie leads the uprising in Upper Canada.

1867 New Brunswick, Nova Scotia and the United Province of Canada come together in Confederation to form the Dominion of Canada.

1862 Lisa



1870 Manitoba joins Canada. The Northwest Territories become an official territory of Canada.

1873 Prince Edward Island joins Canada.

1885 Marie-Claire



1896 Gold is discovered on Bonanza Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River.

1896 Emily



1905 Alberta and Saskatchewan join Canada.

1917 In the Halifax harbour, two ships collide, causing an explosion that leaves more than 1,600 dead and 9,000 injured.

1944 Margit



1939 Canada declares war on Germany seven days after war is declared by Britain and France.

1949 Newfoundland, under the leadership of Joey Smallwood, joins Canada.

