

Material Covered:

Throughout this course, we will explore the pivotal events, social shifts, and political transformations that have shaped modern Canada and its place on the global stage. By examining the 20th century to the present day, you will gain a deeper understanding of how historical decisions continue to influence our rights, governance, and environment today.

Theme 1: Conflict and Canada's Emerging Identity Our journey begins by examining how global conflict forged a distinct national identity. In Unit 1 (Canada and the Great War), we explore Canada's contributions and sacrifices during World War I, examining how the nation began to assert its independence on the world stage. Unit 2 (The Interwar Years) investigates the turbulent period between the wars, marked by economic booms, the devastating Great Depression, and significant social change. Finally, Unit 3 (Canada and World War II) analyzes Canada's role in the Second World War, focusing on wartime mobilization, military engagements, and the impact of the war on the home front.

Theme 2: Change and Progress in Canada and the World Moving into the post-war era, we examine how rapid technological, cultural, and political developments reshaped society. Unit 4 (Canada in the 1950s) highlights the post-war economic boom, suburban growth, and the onset of the Cold War. In Unit 5 (The '60s and '70s in Canada and the World), we delve into a transformative era of social activism, counterculture, shifting Canadian nationalism, and key political reforms. Unit 6 (Canada and the End of the 20th Century), explores globalization, technological evolution, and Canada's evolving role in international peacekeeping and diplomacy as the century drew to a close.

Theme 3: Significant Topics for Contemporary Canadians In the final section of the course, we transition from historical analysis to critical issues that impact your life as an active citizen today. Unit 7 (Government) breaks down the structure of Canadian politics, democracy, and how political decisions are made at federal, provincial, and local levels. Unit 8 (Human Rights) investigates the development of rights and freedoms in Canada, examining past injustices, landmark legal milestones, and ongoing efforts toward equality and reconciliation. Lastly, Unit 9 (The Environment) addresses pressing urgent ecological challenges, sustainability efforts, and Canada's role in global climate action.

BC Curriculum Big Ideas:

This course is aligned to the BC Ministry of Education's Social Studies 10 curriculum. Everything you do — notes, worksheets, quizzes, and tests— connects back to these big ideas:

- Global and regional conflicts have powerfully shaped today's world and our identities.
- Political institutions develop under the influence of economic, social, ideological, and geographic forces.
- Different worldviews lead people to different perspectives on developments in Canadian society.
- Historical and present-day injustices challenge the idea of Canada as a fully inclusive, multicultural society.

Textbook:

No textbook is required for this course.

Course Design:

This course is designed to support independent student learning. Each unit includes instructional notes and worksheets. Understanding is checked through unit quizzes, and students will also complete three cumulative exams to measure overall progress and retention.

Grading:

Your progress and understanding in this course will be assessed through a combination of worksheets, projects, and formal testing. Worksheets are worth 40% of your final grade and provide an opportunity to demonstrate your learning as you work through new material and build your foundational skills. Quizzes and cumulative exams are each weighted at 30%, giving you the chance to show how well you can retain and apply information over time.

Canada and the Great War

Goal:

The goal of this unit is to investigate how the Great War impacted the world in general, and Canada in particular.

Key Concepts:

While completing this unit you will:

- Describe life in Canada during the First World War
- Explain factors that led up to and caused the First World War
- Examine Canada's contribution to the First World War
- Analyze the impact the First World War had on Canada, Canadians, and Canadian identity
- Explain the impact the First World War had on the rest of the world
- Recognize the role global conflict has played in shaping our world

What to Do in this Unit:

- Ask your teacher for the Unit 1 Notes. Read the Notes in full.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 1 Worksheet and complete all the work as directed there.
- When you are ready, submit your work for the Unit 1 Worksheet to your teacher for marking.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 1 Quiz. Hand in your quiz when ready.

The Interwar Years

Goal:

The goal of this unit is to develop an understanding of the key forces of the Interwar years, and their impacts on Canada.

Key Concepts:

While completing this unit you will:

- Explain the concept of the "Roaring Twenties" and their origins
- Discuss the technological, social, and cultural developments of the time period
- Identify developing political ideologies from the time period, and their causes
- Compare and contrast the 1920s and 1930s
- Acknowledge prejudice and injustice that existed within Canada during this time period
- Describe steps Canada took towards independence from Great Britain during this time period

What to Do in this Unit:

- Ask your teacher for the Unit 2 Notes. Read the Notes in full.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 2 Worksheet and complete all the work as directed there.
- When you are ready, submit your work for the Unit 2 Worksheet to your teacher for marking.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 2 Quiz. Hand in your quiz when ready.

Canada and World War II

Goal:

The goal of this unit is to investigate how World War II impacted the world in general, and Canada in particular.

Key Concepts:

While completing this unit you will:

- Discuss the rise of totalitarian leaders in the 1930s
- Identify the causes of the Second World War
- Compare and contrast the First and Second World War
- Examine Canada's contribution to the Second World War
- Analyze the impact that WWII had on Canada, Canadians, and Canadian identity
- Explain the impact that WWII had on the rest of the world

What to Do in this Unit:

- Ask your teacher for the Unit 3 Notes. Read the Notes in full.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 3 Worksheet and complete all the work as directed there.
- When you are ready, submit your work for the Unit 3 Worksheet to your teacher for marking.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 3 Quiz. Hand in your quiz when ready.

- Ask your teacher for the Theme 1 Cumulative Exam (Units 1-3). Hand in when completed.

Canada in the 1950s

Goal:

The goal of this unit is to investigate how Canada, and life for Canadians, changed in the decade following WWII.

Key Concepts:

While completing this unit you will:

- Describe life in Canada in the 1950s
- Identify social changes that came to be during this time period
- Explain steps the Canadian government took to preserve Canadian identity
- Describe the nature of residential schools
- Identify differences between Quebec and the rest of Canada during this time period
- Examine the nature of the Cold War
- Analyze Canada's role in conflict and peacekeeping in the 1950s

What to Do in this Unit:

- Ask your teacher for the Unit 4 Notes. Read the Notes in full.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 4 Worksheet and complete all the work as directed there.
- When you are ready, submit your work for the Unit 4 Worksheet to your teacher for marking.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 4 Quiz. Hand in your quiz when ready.

The 1960s and 1970s in Canada and the World

Goal:

The goal of this unit is to investigate Canada, and the world, during the 1960s and 1970s.

Key Concepts:

While completing this unit you will:

- Describe life in Canada in the 1960s and 1970s
- Identify social changes that came to be during this time period
- Examine the role activism played in improving civil rights access and promoting Indigenous voices
- Explain who the FLQ were and the impact they had on Canada
- Describe the Cuban Missile Crisis
- Recognize Canada's role in the Vietnam War
- Explain how the Vietnam War was different from prior wars
- Analyze efforts made by Canada to connect with and support other nations

What to Do in this Unit:

- Ask your teacher for the Unit 5 Notes. Read the Notes in full.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 5 Worksheet and complete all the work as directed there.
- When you are ready, submit your work for the Unit 5 Worksheet to your teacher for marking.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 5 Quiz. Hand in your quiz when ready.

Canada and the End of the 20th Century

Goal:

The goal of this unit is to investigate life in Canada, and Canada's role in the larger world, at the end of the 20th century.

Key Concepts:

While completing this unit you will:

- Identify social changes that came about during this time period
- Analyze multiculturalism and the role it plays in Canadian society and identity
- Recognize progress made by Indigenous Canadians during this time period, and ongoing areas of need
- Describe Canada's progress into a fully independent nation
- Explain the development of Free Trade in North America
- Examine the impact of Canadian national debt in the 1990s
- Explain and analyze globalization
- Describe the fall of the Soviet Union and the end of the Cold War
- Examine Canada's involvement in international conflict during this time period

What to Do in this Unit:

- Ask your teacher for the Unit 6 Notes. Read the Notes in full.
 - Ask your teacher for the Unit 6 Worksheet and complete all the work as directed there.
 - When you are ready, submit your work for the Unit 6 Worksheet to your teacher for marking.
 - Ask your teacher for the Unit 6 Quiz. Hand in your quiz when ready.
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- Ask your teacher for the Theme 2 Cumulative Exam (Units 4-6). Hand in when completed.

*Government***Goal:**

The goal of this unit is to develop an understanding of government in Canada.

Key Concepts:

While completing this unit you will:

- Explain the three branches of Canadian government
- Identify key roles in Canadian government
- Analyze the role of the media in Canadian politics
- Recognize methods that a citizen can use to influence his/her government
- Define varied political ideologies and the political spectrum model
- Explain the election process in Canada
- Identify recent, or current, significant issues in Canadian politics

What to Do in this Unit:

- Ask your teacher for the Unit 7 Notes. Read the Notes in full.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 7 Worksheet and complete all the work as directed there.
- When you are ready, submit your work for the Unit 7 Worksheet to your teacher for marking.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 7 Quiz. Hand in your quiz when ready.

Human Rights

Goal:

The goal of this unit is to explore Human Rights developments in Canada, and the world.

Key Concepts:

While completing this unit you will:

- Analyze the significance of human rights
- Explain international declarations on human rights and their role in the world
- Explain the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms
- Identify types of policies that are used to try to correct inequalities
- Identify specific efforts being made to correct, or make amends for, human rights violations

What to Do in this Unit:

- Ask your teacher for the Unit 8 Notes. Read the Notes in full.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 8 Worksheet and complete all the work as directed there.
- When you are ready, submit your work for the Unit 8 Worksheet to your teacher for marking.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 8 Quiz. Hand in your quiz when ready.

The Environment

Goal:

The goal of this unit is to develop an understanding of environmental threats, and examine efforts made by Canada and the world to address them.

Key Concepts:

While completing this unit you will:

- Describe the negative impact humanity has had on the planet
- Identify political aspects of environmental change
- Explain the causes of climate change
- Explain causes and consequences of deforestation
- Explain the causes and consequences of overpopulation
- Analyze Canada's involvement in global environmental initiatives
- Identify steps individuals and governments can take to reduce the negative impact humanity has had on the planet

What to Do in this Unit:

- Ask your teacher for the Unit 9 Notes. Read the Notes in full.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 9 Worksheet and complete all the work as directed there.
- When you are ready, submit your work for the Unit 9 Worksheet to your teacher for marking.
- Ask your teacher for the Unit 9 Quiz. Hand in your quiz when ready.

- Ask your teacher for the Theme 3 Cumulative Exam (Units 7-9). Hand in when completed.

Congratulations! You have completed Social Studies 10!