

# Canadian History Timeline

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<b>1000</b>	First Nations peoples established across Canada	<b>1497</b>	John Cabot arrives, claims land for England	<b>1534</b>	Jacques Cartier arrives, claims land for France
<b>1608</b>	Samuel de Champlain founds Quebec City	<b>1759</b>	Battle of the Plains of Abraham	<b>1763</b>	Treaty of Paris — France cedes Canada to Britain
<b>1774</b>	Quebec Act — protects French language & Catholic religion	<b>1812</b>	War of 1812 — Canada repels American invasion	<b>1848</b>	Responsible government achieved (Nova Scotia first)
<b>1867</b>	Confederation — Canada becomes a country (July 1)	<b>1869</b>	Red River Resistance — Louis Riel leads Métis	<b>1885</b>	Canadian Pacific Railway completed
<b>1899</b>	Canada sends troops to South African War	<b>1914</b>	Canada enters World War I	<b>1917</b>	Battle of Vimy Ridge — defining Canadian moment
<b>1918</b>	Women gain federal voting rights	<b>1931</b>	Statute of Westminster — full independence	<b>1939</b>	Canada enters World War II
<b>1944</b>	D-Day — Canadians storm Juno Beach	<b>1949</b>	Newfoundland joins Confederation	<b>1965</b>	Canadian maple leaf flag adopted
<b>1969</b>	Official Languages Act	<b>1971</b>	Multiculturalism policy adopted	<b>1980</b>	O Canada becomes official national anthem
<b>1982</b>	Constitution Act + Charter of Rights and Freedoms	<b>1988</b>	Apology for Japanese Canadian internment	<b>1994</b>	Hockey: official winter sport; Lacrosse: summer
<b>1999</b>	Nunavut becomes Canada's newest territory	<b>2005</b>	Civil Marriage Act — same-sex marriage legalized	<b>2015</b>	Truth and Reconciliation Commission final report