

History & Government

1. Canada became a country: July 1, 1867
2. Confederation: British North America Act
3. First PM: Sir John A. Macdonald
4. Official languages: English and French
5. National anthem: O Canada (official 1980)
6. National flag: adopted 1965 (red maple leaf)
7. Head of State: King Charles III
8. Governor General: Representative of the King
9. Parliament: Senate + House of Commons + Crown
10. Number of Senators: 105
11. Number of MPs: 338
12. Number of provinces: 10
13. Number of territories: 3
14. Capital of Canada: Ottawa
15. Charter of Rights and Freedoms: 1982
16. Voting age: 18
17. Citizenship test: 20 questions, 15 to pass (75%)
18. Magna Carta: 1215
19. Confederation provinces: ON, QC, NB, NS
20. Aboriginal peoples: First Nations, Métis, Inuit
21. National motto: A Mari Usque Ad Mare (From Sea to Sea)
22. System: Constitutional monarchy + parliament + federal
23. Three levels of government: Federal, Provincial, Municipal
24. Responsible government: 1848 (Nova Scotia first)
25. Battle of Vimy Ridge: April 1917

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26. Women got federal vote: 1918
27. Statute of Westminster: 1931
28. Constitution Act (Charter): 1982
29. RCMP: Royal Canadian Mounted Police
30. Supreme Court: 9 judges
31. Fathers of Confederation: led by Macdonald
32. House of Commons: elected representatives (MPs)
33. Senate: appointed on PM's advice
34. PM: leader of party with most seats
35. Cabinet: chosen by PM from elected MPs
36. Federal election: every 4 years max
37. Riding: geographic area electing one MP
38. First-past-the-post: most votes wins
39. Canada Day: July 1
40. Remembrance Day: November 11
41. National sport winter: Hockey (1994)
42. National sport summer: Lacrosse
43. Beaver: official animal symbol
44. Maple leaf: on flag since 1965
45. True North Strong and Free: from O Canada
46. Presumption of innocence: fundamental right
47. Three attempts to pass citizenship test
48. War of 1812: repelled American invasion
49. CPR completed: 1885
50. Nunavut created: 1999