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History - Canadian

Library Subject Guide

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Canadian History is the study of major events and ideas that have influenced the formation of Canadian culture, society and identity. Northern Lights College offers Canada, Pre-Confederation & Post-Confederation history courses.

Because Canadian History is an interdisciplinary field, please also see the **Canadian Law** and **First Nations** Library Subject Guides for further information.

Ask a Librarian for assistance in finding relevant books and journal articles and/or if you need help researching a course related topic. The librarian will also provide assistance in using the Library's website, online catalogue, article databases, and the Internet. Contact the librarian directly or use the "Ask a librarian" section on the Library web pages.

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REFERENCE

Consulting dictionaries, encyclopedias and handbooks can be a useful starting point for learning. Many of these sources provide basic information, overviews of topics, as well as introduce specialized terminology and detailed information. Major reference works are held mainly at the DC and FSJ libraries. Reference librarians on those campuses will research these materials for faculty and students. Simply fill out the "Ask the Librarian" form on the library webpage or contact the library directly. Some titles of interest located in the reference section are:

Dawson Creek Reference Collection

FC 164 G54 2001	Canada: a people's history	HN 57 E58 1993	Encyclopedia of Canada's peoples
Z 1385 G7 1977	Canada since 1867	FC 104 E56 1999	Encyclopedia of Native American
AY 414 C27 1997	Canadian almanac in history	DC 33.7 F726 1996	French culture, 1900-1975
FC 36 H35	Canadian place names	FC 23 G68 1999	Historical dictionary of Canada
Z 1365 C36 1996	Canadian reference sources	FC 51 G63 1998	Introducing Canada
Z 7964 C3 C53	Changing women, changing history	FC 51 R43 1980	Reader's guide to Canadian history

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FC 164 G54 2001	Canada: a people's history	FC 24 M94 2005	Fitzhenry & Whiteside book of Canadian facts and
FC 23 C36 2000	Canadian encyclopedia, The	G 116 S1 H39 2002	Historical atlas of Canada
FC 36 H35	Canadian place names	FC 51 G63 1998	Introducing Canada
Z 1365 C36 1996	Canadian reference sources	FC 23 C364 2000	L'encyclopédie Canada 2000
FC 23 B47	Collins dictionary of Canadian history	D 20 R36 2001	History of the northern interior of B.C.
G 1116 S1 C66 1998	Concise historical atlas of Canada	DA 910 O93 1998	Reader's guide to Canadian history, A
FC 25 D5	Dictionary of Canadian biography	FC 51 R43 1982	Reader's guide to Canadian history
FC 104 E56 1999	Encyclopedia of Canada's peoples		

LIBRARY CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

General materials on Canadian History are shelved in the F, H and J sections. To assist you in browsing the collection, try the following areas:

E 51-99	Indians of North America	HN 103-110	Canadian Sociology
F 5001-6048	Canada	JC	Canada-Politics & Government
FC	Canada-History & Geography	JL 5-539	Canadian Politics and Government
HA 741-748	Canadian Statistics	JV	Emigration and Immigration

LIBRARY CATALOGUE AND ELECTRONIC DATABASES

To find books, journals, and audiovisual materials on your topic, search the library's online **catalogue**. If you are looking for journal articles, search the library's online **journal article indexes & electronic databases**. Use **keywords** to search the online catalogue and/or electronic databases. A keyword is a word or term that best describes the information you are looking for. You can search the library catalogue or an electronic database for either a single keyword or a combination of keywords in order to find articles

Examples of keywords:

British North America Act	Canadian immigration	Impact of Jesuits	Northwest Passage
Canadian Constitution	Canadian politics	John Cabot	Quiet Revolution
Canadian economy	European colonization	Louis Riel	Samuel de Champlain
Canadian heritage	Free Trade Agreement	Lower Canada	Upper Canada
Canadian history	Fur Trade	New France	World War I

PERIODICALS & NEWSPAPERS

The library currently subscribes to several periodicals and newspapers of particular interest to students. To check for campus and holdings, search the title in WebCat.

Periodical Title	Library Holdings	Campus Library
BC Historical News	2000-current	FSJ
BC Studies	current	FSJ
Beaver	current	FSJ
Canadian Historical Review	2001-current	DC/FSJ
Canadian Journal of History	1976-current	DC
Canadian Women Studies	1988- current	DC/FSJ
Current History	current	FSJ
First NationsGazette	1997-current	DC

DATABASES & INDEXES

access: <http://nlc.bc.ca/library/articleindexes.php>

Academic Search Premier: Provides coverage for social sciences, humanities, education, computer sciences, arts and literature, medical sciences, and ethnic studies. Citations and full text available. 1984-present. Updated monthly.

Anthropological Index Online: Based on the journal holdings of The Anthropology Library at The British Museum that receives periodicals in all branches of anthropology, from academic institutions and publishers around the world.

Canada's Heritage from 1844: The full-page image of The Globe and Mail since 1844. Coverage includes major events in Canadian history, plus thousands of images, political cartoons and birth and death notices dating back to the pre-confederation era.

Canadian MAS Full text: Provides coverage from all subjects, popular focus with some Canadian coverage 1984-present.

CBCA Full text Reference: Canadian Business and Current Affairs is a major index for Canadian newspapers, popular & business scholarly journal and popular magazines. 1982- present.

Canadian Newdisc: Provides coverage to Canadian newspapers with some full text articles.

Canadian Reference Centre: Contains international and Canadian magazines, newspapers & newswires, reference books, and company information.

Canadian Research Index: Index to federal, provincial & municipal government documents. 1980-

CPI.Q: Provides coverage of current events, health, technology, arts, history, culture, and business. 400 Canadian periodicals with 137 full text. 1988-present.

Early Canadiana Online: Canada in the Making: A full text collection of 3000+ books and pamphlets documenting Canadian history from the first European contact to the late 19th century.

Encyclopedia Britannica Online: Includes the complete encyclopedia, as well as Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and the Britannica Book of the Year.

First Nations Periodical Index: Contains journals of mainly Canadian Native content.

Humanities & Social Sciences Index: Provides coverage of literature, sociology, anthropology, geography, etc. 1983-current. Updated monthly.

Ingenta: Indexes over 17,000 scholarly journals in all subject areas.

MLA Directory of Periodicals: Offers detailed information on over 7,100 journals.

Readers Guide to Periodical Literature: Subjects include popular literature, current events, business, fashion, politics, crafts, foods, sports, history & science. 1983-current.

WEBSITES

British Columbia

BC History Internet Web Site: <http://victoria.tc.ca/Resources/bchistory.html>

BC Archives: <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/index.htm>

- Visual Records: <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/visual/visual.htm>
- Textual Records: <http://www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/textual/general/textual.htm>

History is Where You Stand - A History of the Peace: <http://www.calverley.ca/>

viHistory - History of Vancouver Island and Canadian History: <http://vihistory.uvic.ca/>

General

About Canada: <http://canada.gc.ca/acanada/acPubHome.jsp?font=0&lang=eng>

Academic Info – Canadian History Gateway: <http://www.academicinfo.net/canhist.html>

Acadia and Acadians – Halifax Public Library: http://www.halifaxpubliclibraries.ca/readerscafe/pdf/acadians_res4.pdf

Best of History Web Sites: <http://www.besthistorysites.net>

Black Loyalists - Our history, our people: <http://collections.ic.gc.ca/blackloyalists/>

Canada's Digital Collections: <http://collections.ic.gc.ca/>

- Canada Heirloom Series: http://collections.ic.gc.ca/heirloom_series/
- Canadian Historical Association Booklets – free full text: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/cha-shc/index-e.html?PHPSESSID=4bb386f591134bb47339e76e767c88b7>
- Digital Yearbook of British Columbia and Manual of Provincial Information 1901 - 2001: <http://collections.ic.gc.ca/digitalyearbook/>

Canada in the Making: http://www.canadiana.org/citm/index_e.html

Canadian Confederation: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/confederation/>

Canadian Information by Subject: History of North America: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/caninfo/ep097.htm#97>

Canadian West, The: http://www.archives.ca/05/0529/052901_e.html

Civilization.ca: <http://www.civilization.ca/hist/histe.asp>

Culture.ca: <http://www.culture.ca/>

Doukhobor Collection: (1898-1930) <http://edocs.lib.sfu.ca/projects/Doukhobor-Collection/>

Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online (GAMEO): <http://www.gameo.org/index.asp>

Humbul Humanities Hub : <http://www.humbul.ac.uk/>

Hutterites.org: <http://www.hutterites.org/>

Images Canada: <http://www.imagescanada.ca/r1-220-e.html>

Jesuit Relations: <http://puffin.creighton.edu/jesuit/relations/>

Peel's Prairie Provinces: <http://peel.library.ualberta.ca/>

Women's History Network of British Columbia, Canada:

http://www.members.shaw.ca/whnbc/links.htm#British_Columbia_womens_history_websites

WWW-VL History: Canadian History: <http://vlib.iue.it/history/CANADA/canada.html>

Historical Statistics

BC Stats: <http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/>

Historical Statistics of Canada – Stats Canada: <http://www.statcan.ca/english/freepub/11-516-XIE/sectiona/toc.htm>

Military History

Canadian Military History Gateway: <http://www.cmhg.gc.ca/>

From Colony to Country – a reader's Guide to Canadian Military history: <http://www.collectionscanada.ca/military/index-e.html>

Land Forces of Britain, the Empire and Commonwealth: <http://www.regiments.org/>

Veterans' Affairs Canada History: <http://www.vac-acc.gc.ca/general/sub.cfm?source=history>

Reference

Dictionary of Canadian Biography Online: <http://www.biographi.ca/EN/index.html>

Early Canadiana Online: <http://www.canadiana.org/eco/index.html>

Encyclopedia of British Columbia: <http://www.knowbc.com/IEBC/IEBC.asp>

Historica: <http://www.histori.ca/default.do?page=index>

- Canadian Encyclopedia: <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=HomePage&Params=A1>
 - Encyclopedia of Music in Canada: <http://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.com/index.cfm?PgNm=EMCSubjects&Params=A1>
 - History by the Minute: <http://www.histori.ca/minutes/default.do?page=.index>
- Historical Atlas of Canada - online learning project: <http://mercator.geog.utoronto.ca/hacddp/page1.htm>
Quebec History Encyclopedia – includes much Canadian Information: <http://www2.marianopolis.edu/quebechistory/encyclopedia/>

Tutorials

The Peopling of Canada 1891 – 1921: http://www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/canada1891/

The Peopling of Canada 1946 – 1976: http://www.ucalgary.ca/applied_history/tutor/canada1946/

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