



Student worksheet 2: Timeline of Canadian historical events that affected immigration, 1867 to 1967

	1867	Confederation.
	1872	The <i>Dominion Lands Act</i> offers free land in the Canadian West.
	1880 to 1885	15,000 Chinese brought to work on the British Columbia leg of the Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR).
	1885	CPR completed, making it easier to travel to and settle in the Canadian West.
Gold found in the Klondike	1896	Clifford Sifton becomes Minister of the Interior and promotes immigration to the Canadian West. He declares that 500,000 stalwart peasants are needed to farm the west. Europe and North America need sources of hard wheat.
	1899	The first (7,500) of five parties of Russians (Doukhobors) settle in Saskatchewan. In 1908, some move to British Columbia.
	1891 to 1914	170,000 Ukrainians arrive, attracted by free land, space and opportunity.
	1890s to 1914	Ethnic Germans from Russian and Austro-Hungarian empires and the Balkans arrive, including Mennonites, Lutherans, Roman Catholics.
	1901 to 1914	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Close to 1 million come from British Isles. ▪ 500,000 come from continental Europe. ▪ 750,000 come from the United States, including returning Canadians and Europeans (Germans, Hungarians, Swedes and Icelanders) who had settled there.
	1904	3,000 Italians arrive in Montréal, looking for work and entrepreneurial opportunity.
	1906	Work begins on Grand Trunk Pacific, Canadian Northern, and National Transcontinental railways.
	1904 to 1907	5,000 immigrants from India come to Vancouver and Victoria, to work mostly in logging camps and lumber mills.
	1907	Immigration Board pays \$2 bonus for every British agricultural labourer placed in Ontario and Quebec.
	1913	Record number (400,000) of newcomers arrive in a single year.
	1914	By 1914, only 10,000 Japanese had settled in Canada. Japan had restricted emigrating males to 400 per year.
First World War begins.	1914	
First World War ends.	1918	
	1923	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The <i>Chinese Immigration Act</i>: Asian immigration is prohibited. ▪ 1925 Railway Agreement: CPR and CNR allowed to recruit cheap European labour.
Stock markets all over the world crash on October 29.	1929	
Canada suffers a deep economic depression.	1930s	
Second World War begins.	1939	
Second World War ends.	1945	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 200,000 European war refugees are admitted to Canada. ▪ 48,000 British war brides, 32,000 offspring arrive. ▪ 3,000 Polish Free Army veterans arrive.
	1946	The <i>Canadian Citizenship Act</i> gives more rights to more people: no longer just British subjects.
Economic boom in Canada	1950s	
	1960s	Immigration laws make it easier to immigrate to Canada.