

Canadian History

How did the French and English influence Canada?
How did Canada become independent?

Language and Religion in Canada

- Standard: Describe the influence of the French and the English on the language and religion of Canada.
- Essential Question: How did the French and English influence the language and religion of Canada?

Language in Canada

- Canada has two official languages: English (59.3%) and French (23.2%)



Religion in Canada

- The religions of Canada are also influenced by the British and French
- 42.6% of Canadians are Roman Catholic (French influence)
- 23.3% are Protestant Christians (English influence)



Why does Canada have both French and English influences?



... Let's find out!!!!

History of Canada

- Standard: Explain how Canada became an independent nation
- Essential Question: How did Canada become an independent nation?

First People in Canada

- The first inhabitants of Canada came from Asia across the Bering Strait Land Bridge about 15,000 years ago



Europeans Arrive

- Around 1500, explorers from England and France arrived in Canada.
- The English established Newfoundland and the French called their settlement New France.
- In the 1600s, the first permanent settlement, Quebec, was established.



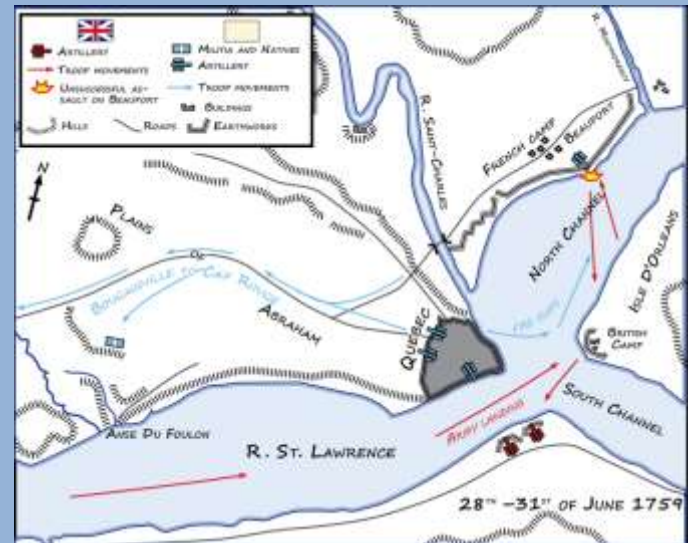
Quebec and New France

- The French were mostly fur traders, but there were also some Catholic missionaries there who wanted to convert the Native Americans to Christianity.



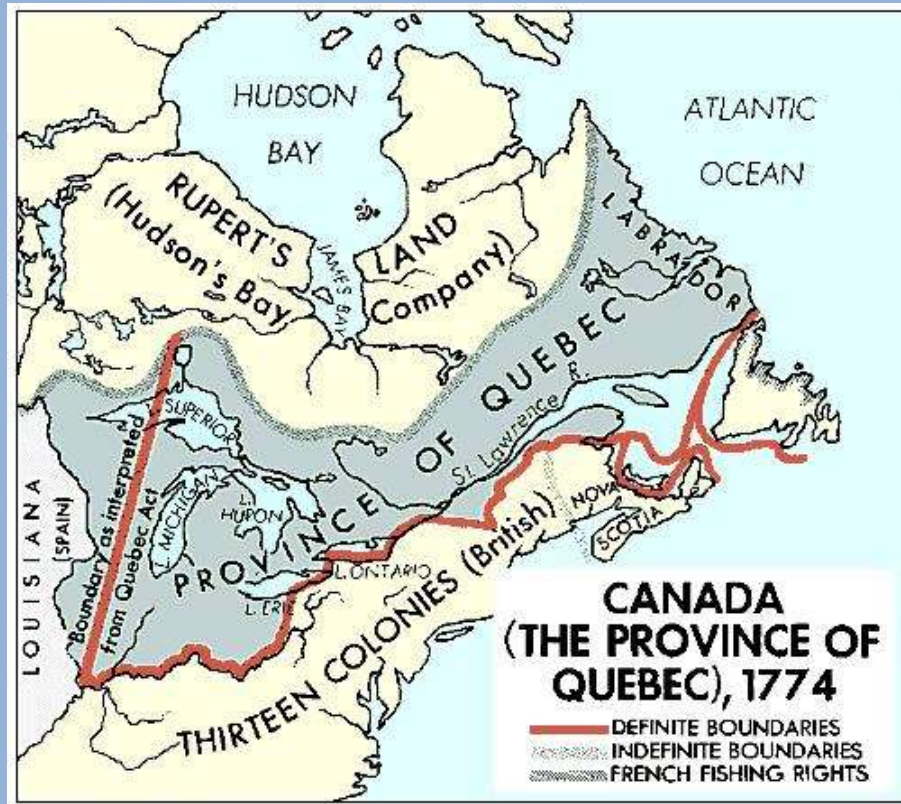
So, how did Canada come under British control?

- The British won the French and Indian War and in 1763 took control of French territory.
- Some French speaking settlers were forced to leave (many moved to Louisiana).
- French settlers were allowed to stay in Quebec, but the British controlled the area.



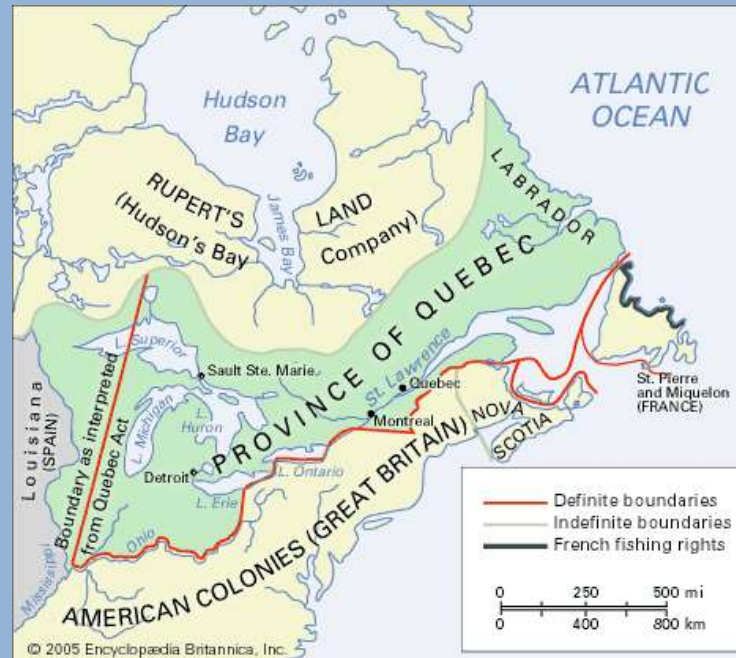
Quebec Act

- In 1774, the British passed the Quebec Act, which allowed the French settlers there to maintain their culture (religion, language and traditions).



Issues in Quebec

- The Quebec Act allowed the French Canadians to live the way they wanted to, but it caused tension between the French and English settlers



Division of Canada

- The differences between these two groups led to the division of Canada
- Eventually, however, Canada would be divided into provinces

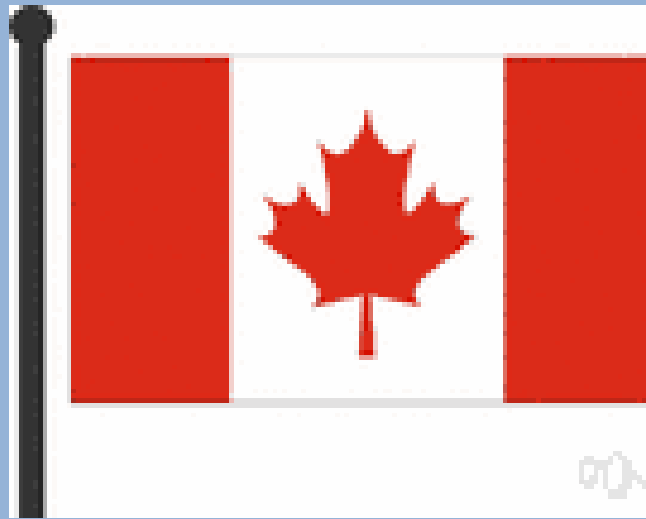


So, how did Canada become independent?

- Over time, Canada became independent from Great Britain through negotiations and did not have to fight for independence (unlike the United States)
- Great Britain was willing to allow Canada to be divided into provinces with their own unifying constitution because they would not have the expense of protecting a colony

What does it mean to be a sovereign state?

- A sovereign state has control over its own affairs
- In other words, it is not controlled by another country



What does it mean to be a commonwealth?

- As a member of a commonwealth, Canada is independent (became official in 1931), but Canada is still loosely connected to Great Britain.
- For example, members of the Commonwealth of Nations are made up of some of the former British Empire and share some English influences

What evidence remains of British influence in Canadian government?

- Canada still recognizes the Queen of England, but Canadian leaders are not bound to the monarchy
- Parliament in Canada is also based on the British Parliament.

