

# Canadian History

An aerial view of a map of Canada, with a large, semi-transparent red maple leaf overlaid on the central and eastern parts of the country. The map shows geographical features like rivers and coastlines. The text 'Canadian History' is written in a large, bold, red font with a white outline across the top of the image.

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# Quebec

- Standard: Describe Quebec's independence movement
- Essential Question: Why does Quebec seek independence from Canada?



# Stop and Think!

- What have you learned about the relationship between the French and English citizens in Canada that could lead to problems between them?





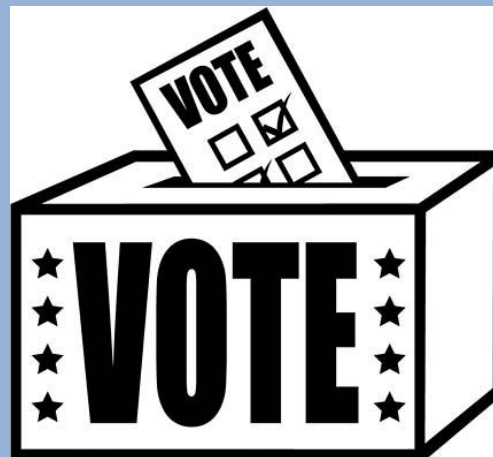
# Why did French citizens in Quebec want independence?

- French Canadians were afraid that their culture and language could disappear because Canadian culture was overwhelmed by English
- They were tired of feeling like “Second Class Citizens” in their own country
- Many wanted Quebec to secede from Canada (leave and be independent)
- These people are called Separatists ... they want Quebec to “separate” from Canada



# How have the French used government, rather than violence, to work towards independence?

- In 1980 and 1995, the people of Quebec voted on whether to become independent or remain a part of Canada.
- Both votes were in favor of staying a part of Canada BUT it was very close (49.4 % to 50.6%)



Quiet Revolution

# What strides have the French made in achieving equality?

- The Canadian government has passed laws to help them preserve their French culture and language
- In 1982, the Constitution Act made Canada bilingual. All government documents have to be in both French and English



# What strides have the French made in achieving equality?

- French is the official language in Quebec
- The reforms have made some people happy
- Some people still believe that Quebec should be independent

