

Canadian History

An aerial satellite-style map of Canada. Several regions are highlighted with semi-transparent colored overlays. A large red area covers the western and central parts of the country, including the Prairie Provinces and parts of the West Coast. A purple area covers the eastern part of the country, including Quebec and parts of the Atlantic provinces. A smaller red area is visible in the north. The map shows geographical features like rivers, lakes, and coastlines.

Why does Quebec seek independence from Canada?

Quebec

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



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

