

COLONIES AND CANADA—TIMELINE

BRITISH EMPIRE—1585 TO 1885

ROANOKE COLONY TO SASKATCHEWAN REBELLION

EXPLORATION

- 1497 [John Cabot](#) claims Newfoundland for England.
- 1534 [Jacques Cartier](#) explores Gulf of St. Lawrence on first voyage.
- 1576 [Martin Frobisher](#) searches for the Northwest Passage.
- 1583 [Humphrey Gilbert](#) attempts to found colony in Newfoundland.
- 1611 [Henry Hudson](#) is killed by a mutinous crew in Hudson Bay.
- 1789 [Alexander Mackenzie](#) crosses Canada, discovers Mackenzie River and Arctic Ocean.
- 1792 [George Vancouver](#) discovers Vancouver Island and Puget Sound.

FRENCH COLONIES

- 1542 [Jacques Cartier](#) fails to establish permanent colonies on third voyage.
- 1562-98 French Wars of religion interrupt settlement. Huguenots forbidden to emigrate.
- 1608 [Samuel de Champlain](#) establishes a French colony at Quebec; becomes capital of New France.
- 1615 First Catholic missionaries sent to New France to convert natives.
- 1632 Colony at Port Royal on Bay of Fundy re-established; becomes capital of Acadia.
- 1646 [Saint Isaac Jogues](#), missionary to the Hurons, tortured, martyred by Mohawks.
- 1682-92 [Count Frontenac](#) first term as governor of New France. Protects colonists from Iroquois.
- 1755-63 [French Indian Wars](#) results in loss of French colonies in America.
- 1755 Defeat of British [General Braddock](#) at *Battle of Fort Duquesne*.
- 1755 Acadians from Nova Scotia forced to relocate.
- 1759 At the *Battle of Quebec* [General Wolfe](#) wins New France for the British.

BRITISH CANADA

- 1670 Hudson Bay Trading Company chartered by [Charles II](#).
- 1763 Treaty of Paris grants New France to Britain on condition of religious liberty for Catholics.
- 1776 Canada declines to revolt against Britain, due to British toleration for French Catholics.
- 1783 Emigration of Tories in lower colonies to Canadian dominions after Revolutionary War.
- 1791 Former territories of New France partitioned into Lower and Upper Canada.
- 1837 Rebellions in Upper and Lower Canada against British rule.
- 1840 Act of Union, unites Upper and Lower Canada.
- 1867 New Brunswick and Nova Scotia join Canadian Federation.
- 1870 Manitoba and British Columbia join Canadian Federation.
- 1885 Completion of Canadian Pacific Rail, Montreal to Vancouver.
- 1905 Saskatchewan and Albert join Canadian Federation.
- 1949 Newfoundland joins Canadian Federation.