



We have watched several segments from *Canada: A People's History* for this course. It's now your turn to make your own -- either on your own, or with a partner, or as a trio, no more than three to a group -- about a topic in Canada's history from after the Second World War. You will be submitting a 3-4 minute video and a script (with footnotes), that takes on one of the topic questions below.

Here's what I am expecting:

Research:

Dig into your topic question and consult at least 4 sources -- these will need to be shown in Chicago style footnotes in the script you will submit.

Thesis:

Having researched your topic question, form your own opinion about this topic -- this will be your 'answer' to the topic question you've chosen

Historical evidence, both qualitative and quantitative:

support your opinion, in detail, with only the best of the qualitative and quantitative evidence you uncovered

Narration and Visual Illustration:

The bulk of your presentation should be a well-composed narrative, written as a script, and presented as a voiceover in your video. It should present your thesis (don't actually call it that in your voice over), tell the story of your topic, and present your historical evidence throughout. Simultaneously, you should build a rich backdrop of images in Google Slides, Adobe Spark, Canva, or something similar, to vividly illustrate what you are talking about. Do not include bullet points or other organizational wording on your slides. You will then screen record the images and record your voiceover and re-enactments over-top.

Reenactments:

You can either 'voice act' or get into costume and *act* as an historical figure to present points of view from actual historical personalities involved, as short sound-bites (quotes) at opportune moments during your narrative. This will help bring your story to life, as we've seen in *Canada: A People's History*. Obviously these need to be appropriate reenactments (e.g. while common historically, it is now considered highly offensive to impersonate someone of a different race -- if you're at all unsure of the appropriateness of what you're planning to reenact, consult with me--no judgment for not knowing better ahead of time.)

Hand-In: **ONE VIDEO with narration, visual illustration, and reenactments**
ONE SCRIPT with Chicago-style footnotes to sources wherever they're used.
(if in partners, one partner submits both parts in Google Classroom, the other makes a private comment on the assignment stating who they worked with)

Assessment: 32 marks (see rubric in Google Classroom).

Topic Questions:

The topic questions below have been chosen to reflect a wide range of developments and changes in Canadian society since the end of World War Two. This is to be done individually, and each topic will be assigned on a first come first served basis--*Claim your topic in class comments (so everyone can see) on this assignment in Google Classroom by copy/pasting the full question and number, once you know what you'd like to do. Whoever posts a topic first gets to do that topic.*

1. To what extent is Canada truly a "nation of peacekeepers"?
2. Why did Canada decide whether or not to be a nuclear power?
3. What was the Gouzenko Affair and how did it change attitudes in Canada and around the world?
4. What was Canada's role in the space race?
5. ~~What was Canada's role in The Korean War?~~
6. Was the Avro Arrow jet fighter a success or a failure?
7. ~~What was Canada's role in solving The Suez Crisis (1956) and what was its significance?~~
8. ~~How was Canada involved in The Cuban Missile Crisis, 1962~~
9. ~~What was the impact of the Quiet Revolution in Quebec and on Canada?~~
10. Choose a Canadian Prime Minister from 1945-present, and assess their greatest challenges, successes, and failures.
11. ~~In the wake of 9/11, why did Canada join the war in Afghanistan but not the war in Iraq?~~
12. ~~What was Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau's National Energy Plan, and why did it anger so many in the West?~~
13. Explain why there was such debate over voting rights for Status Indians in 1960.
14. What was the impact of the Inuit High Arctic Relocations in Canada?
15. What was the 1969 White Paper and how did it change First Nations activism in Canada?
16. How and why did Nunavut become a territory?
17. ~~How and why did Newfoundland become a province?~~
18. How and why was the GST introduced?
19. Why did Canada create CBC television in 1952, and how would you assess its impact on Canadian culture?
20. What have been the greatest successes and challenges faced by the CFL since the Second World War?
21. How and why did we get our own Canadian flag, and why was it a topic of such great debate?
22. ~~What were the arguments for and against the introduction of the metric system in the 1970s?~~
23. What was the October Crisis of 1970 and how well do you think it was handled?
24. ~~Why did Quebec try to separate from Canada in 1980 and/or 1995 and why were they not successful?~~
25. What were the biggest challenges involved in patriating Canada's constitution and the Charter of Rights & Freedoms in 1982?
26. Why did Canada recognize communist China and the Soviet Union before the United States?
27. ~~Explain the significance of the 1972 Summit Series (hockey series between Canada and the Soviets) as it relates to the cold war.~~
28. Explain how and why Canada changed its immigration policy to a "points system" in 1967 and the impact that this had.
29. ~~Who were the Vietnamese "boat people" and how significant was Canada's response?~~
30. What challenges had to be overcome in order to realize Canada's 'free' health care system in the 1960s.
31. What did the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s look like in Canada?
32. What do you believe to have been the most significant development in women's rights since the end of the Second World War, and why?
33. ~~What do you believe to have been the most significant development in LGBTQ2 rights since the end of the Second World War, and why?~~
34. ~~What was Africville, what happened to it, and why?~~
35. What do you believe to have been the most significant example of Indigenous protest (excluding the backlash to the White Paper) since the Second World War, and why?
36. ~~How and why did Canada shift from a predominantly British identity to embrace official multiculturalism?~~
37. How did Canada present itself to the world at Expo 67 in Montreal?
38. What does it mean that Canada likes to think of itself as a "middle power", and how accurate is this description?
39. Choose a Canadian province and assess its greatest challenges and triumphs since the end of the Second World War.
40. Explain Canada's response to climate change over the last couple of decades; how effective do you think it has been?