



## Celebrating Canada's Past: A Pre-Canada 150 Timeline

Can you envision a timeline of Canada's history in the past 150 years? There are many contributions and moments to include. The hardest part is narrowing down key events and important figures that are important to you. But what about the history of Canada before the signing of Confederation? Can you name important events or when the First Peoples arrived in North America? What about the history of Indigenous peoples who traditionally lived (and still do) on the land you live and go to school on?

***For this assignment***, you will be creating a timeline of the land now called Canada. Go back as far as you can. Research first populations, important events in Indigenous oral history, and events that happened on the land you live on to create your timeline. You will be given a few key dates to start your timeline, but what it looks like is up to you and your research!

Select events that you find interesting and important. Your timeline should include 30 points in history. No two timelines in your class should look alike. Be ready to discuss your selected events. You should include brief explanations for the chosen events on your timeline too, to help viewers understand why they are significant.

Don't forget to also make your timeline visually pleasing by including drawings, or interesting designs and legends to guide viewers.

### Your timelines must include the following dates:

1. **73,000-13,000 BP**: Creation stories suggest First Peoples arrived in what is now North America via transoceanic travel; 2016 research suggests this is very likely.
2. **30,000–20,000 BP**: Mammoth bones believed to be carved on by humans found in the Yukon Bluefish Caves.
3. **1000-1400 AD**: Two large 15th-century Huron ancestral villages surrounded by palisade, Draper Site and the Mantle Site have been excavated. The Mantle Site had more than 70 longhouses.
4. **1100 AD**: Contact with Viking and Skraelings along Newfoundland and Atlantic Coasts
5. **1763 AD**: A Royal Proclamation notes Aboriginal claims to lands and says treaties with natives will be handled by the Crown.
6. **1870s AD**: The first residential schools open. Their painful legacy would stretch to today.

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### Here are other sources for you to begin researching your timeline:

- <http://www.canadianbic.ca/wp-content/uploads/2012/04/Canadian-Aboriginal-History-Timeline.pdf>
- Canadian Heritage website under Indigenous history
- UBC timelines of Indigenous history
- Knowing what territory you live on: <https://native-land.ca/>