

Canada**Section 2****MAIN IDEAS**

1. Beginning in the 1600s, Europeans settled the region that would later become Canada.
2. Immigration and migration to cities have shaped Canadian culture.

Key Terms and Places

Quebec province of Canada, first settled by the French

provinces administrative divisions of a country

British Columbia province of Canada on the Pacific Coast

Toronto Canada's largest city

Section Summary**HISTORY**

Indians and Inuit were the first people to live in Canada. Over time, some native peoples divided into groups known as the First Nations. The Cree, one of those groups, lived on the plains. They survived by hunting bison. The Inuit lived in the far north. They learned to survive in the harsh, cold climate by hunting seals, whales, and other animals.

The Vikings were the first Europeans to come to Canada, but they did not stay. European explorers and fishermen came in the late 1400s. Europeans soon began to trade with Native Canadians. The French built the first permanent settlements in what became Canada. They called the lands they claimed New France. In the 1700s Britain defeated France in the French and Indian War. Although the British took control, most French settlers stayed. Their way of life did not change much. Many descendants of these French settlers live in **Quebec** today.

The British divided their territory into two colonies called Upper and Lower Canada. Canada stayed divided until 1867, when the British passed a law making it a dominion, a territory or area of influence. This act gave Canada its own

Circle the names of Canada's first people and Canada's first permanent European settlers.

How did the French and Indian War affect the French colonists in New France?

What is a dominion?

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government. The British also divided the country into **provinces**. In 1885, Canadians completed a railroad across Canada. It connected **British Columbia** with the eastern provinces. Canada increased in size by buying lands in the north where many Native Canadians lived.

CULTURE

Canadians come from many places. Some are descendants of early French and British settlers. In the late 1800s and early 1900s many immigrants came from Europe and the United States. Most farmed, while others worked in mines, forests, and factories. Some hoped to find gold in Canada's Yukon Territory. Many Asian immigrants have come to Canada, especially from China, Japan, and India. Many Chinese immigrants came to work on the railroads. Immigrants helped Canada's economy grow. British Columbia was the first Canadian province to have a large Asian minority.

After World War II a new wave of immigrants came to large cities like **Toronto**. Many came from Asia. Others came from Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, and Latin America. Like earlier immigrants, they came for jobs and new opportunities. In recent years, Canadians have also moved from farms in rural areas to large cities like Vancouver and Ontario. Many of these people have moved to cities to find jobs.

Circle the countries where some of Canada's immigrants came from prior to World War II.

CHALLENGE ACTIVITY

Critical Thinking: Making Inferences How has immigration helped Canada's economy grow? Imagine that you are a person preparing to move to Canada. Write a letter to a friend explaining your reasons for moving and how you expect to contribute to the Canadian economy.

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DIRECTIONS On the line provided before each statement, write **T** if a statement is true and **F** if a statement is false. If the statement is false, write the term that would make the statement correct on the line after each sentence.

_____ 1. Since World War II, Quebec has become one of the most culturally diverse cities in the world.

_____ 2. Quebec and Ontario are examples of Canadian colonies.

_____ 3. The Canadians built a transcontinental railroad to connect British Columbia with eastern Canada.

_____ 4. Toronto remains a mainly French-speaking region.

_____ 5. A dominion, such as the Dominion of Canada, is a territory or area of influence.

DIRECTIONS Write three adjectives or descriptive phrases that describe the term.

6. British Columbia _____

7. New France _____

8. Canadian Pacific Railroad _____

9. Vancouver's Chinatown _____

10. First Nations _____