

15 dates every Canadian should know

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How well do you know Canadian history?

Check out these 15 historic dates that every Canadian should know.

1. July 1, 1867:

Canada declared an independent self-governing nation (dominion).



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2. Nov. 7, 1885:

Last spike of nation-wide Canadian Pacific railway pounded into rail at Craigallachie, B.C.



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4. April 9, 1917:

Canadian troops lead way in Battle of Vimy Ridge in victory over German battalions.

5. Nov. 11, 1918:

Canada, along with all other nations, celebrates end of the First World War.



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6. Oct. 24, 1929:

Stock markets crash on Wall Street in New York sending shock waves around the globe including Canada and precipitating a decade-long Great Depression.



Gilbert Alexander Milne/Library and Archives

8. June 6, 1944:

Canadian troops take part in allied D-Day invasion of Normandy, France, taking Juno beach.

9. Sept. 2, 1945:

Canada, along with all other nations celebrates final end of Second World War (V-J Day).



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10. April 27, 1967:

Expo 67, the world's fair opens in Montreal bringing millions of visitors over the next few months.



Toronto Star

11. Oct. 16, 1970:

In reaction to the FLQ kidnapping of British diplomat James Cross and Quebec cabinet minister Pierre Laporte who was subsequently murdered, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau imposes the War Measures Act stripping citizens of civil liberties



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12. Sept. 28, 1972:

Paul Henderson scores the final goal of the eight-game Canada-Russia "Summit" Hockey Series, to clinch the series for Canada 4-3-1. It comes with just 34 seconds left and gives Canada a dramatic 6-5 win.



Christinne Muschi/Toronto Star

13. July 17, 1976:

Montreal hosts the Summer Olympic Games becoming the first Canadian city to host an Olympics. Calgary (1988) and Vancouver (2010) have since hosted the Winter Olympics.



Peter Power/Toronto Star

14. Oct. 30, 1995:

The second Quebec Referendum in 15 years results in a razor-thin 51-49 win for the Yes side to remain in Canada.



Steve Russell/Toronto Star

15. Feb. 28, 2010:

In the most-watched television event by far in Canadian history, 16.6 million people -- half the country -- watch Canada beat the United States 3-2 in overtime on a Sidney Crosby goal to win the gold medal in men's Olympic hockey.



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