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**Canada Essential Questions**

1. How does the location, climate, and natural resources affect/impact how people in Canada trade?

Most Canadians live 100 miles from the United States border because of the cold climate in the north.

1. Why do the people of Canada live in certain regions?

Canada’s location in North America allows for an easier movement of goods and services between other countries. Canada is surrounded by three oceans; Atlantic Ocean, Pacific Ocean, and the Arctic Ocean. NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement also allows 1 billion dollars’ worth of trade to occur each day between the United States and Mexico .

1. How have the actions of the Canadian people changed the natural resources of Canada?
2. Acid Rain
3. Clear-Cutting/Deforestation
4. Extraction of Natural Resources in the Canadian Shield
5. Pollution In the Great Lakes
6. How did England and France help to the development of Canada?

Great Britain and France contributed to the development of Canada because both countries established colonies . After the French and Indian War , French settlers remained in the area of Quebec . This allowed for Quebec to maintain a French culture with French as a major language and Roman Catholic as a major language in a country that is predominately English speaking and non-Catholic.

1. How did Canada gain/achieve its independence?

Canada became part of Great Britain after the French and Indian War. Great Britain established itself in two areas, upper and lower Canada in 1791. Canadians wanted to be reunited so they asked the British Parliament to create a constitution allowing for increased self-government. The British North American Act of 1867 was passed by parliament and granted the start of Canada’s independence . This peaceful agreement allowed Canada to have its own parliament and prime minister . Canada was not allowed to make treaties with other countries and had to be part of the United Kingdom’s military . After World War I , Canadians wanted more

freedom and control in foreign affairs. Canada was granted independence in 1931 but it did not gain complete independence until 1982. Canada and the United Kingdom still share the same monarch .

1. Why do the people of Quebec want independence from Canada?

People in Quebec want independence from Canada because they are afraid they will lose the French language and culture in a country with a predominate English culture. The separatists have voted two times for Quebec’s independence but both times it has failed . The Canadian government has made Canada a bilingual country to preserve both cultures .

1. How is Canadian government organized?

Canada is a federal government with a parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy. There is a prime minister and a governor general who is recommended by the Prime Minister and appointed by the British Crown. The governor-general is the monarch ’s representative in Canada . The governor-general has no real power, however he/she signs all bills passed by parliament , approves the Prime Minister’s appointments, and does ceremonial duties. The Monarch also appoints a lieutenant governors for each province.

1. How do various economic systems answer the three basic economic questions (differently)?

Specialization encourages trade because it allows for countries to focus on producing certain goods . The work to be divided into different parts and each worker can become an expect on his or her work. This allows for more goods to be made at better quality because workers are focusing on one task instead of multiple tasks.