

Canadian History **by: Jael k. Derksen**

"Throughout this wonderful world there are people who do not know their own Canadian history! Still today you can go to museums and find out loads of information about Canadian history. Canadian history is a subject we all need to learn about, especially if you live in Canada or the United States. History might surprise you. Unknowingly, you could be living near a boarder in B.C. where slaves were unwillingly traded. You could be living in Ontario where the war of 1812 started. You could be standing on Quebec ground, where a loyalist would have claimed his new homestead. The Loyalists, the War of 1812, and the Underground Railway are important topics of this essay because they will show you the extraordinary perseverance of our ancestors.

We always persevere through hard challenges. In 1775 the American Revolution was important to Canadian history. The Americans were loyal to the British. Briskly the loyalists fled to Quebec. Quebec offered free land to the loyalists. They were very worried that Quebec, who could be hostile, would hang them

or even worse. They were extremely scared. The loyalists established the border between Canada and the United States on the map. The loyalists were brave to travel to Canada and survive many perilous challenges.

In the war of 1812 the Americans and the Canadians were sadly no longer excellent neighbours. The Americans needed more land. They decided they would travel North West. Thomas Jefferson thought it was a great idea because he believed Canada would be easy to conquer.

The army marched into Upper Canada. Excitingly Tecumseh and Brock killed the hostile Americans in a split second. The war of 1812, which ended with no winners, in 1814 was perilous. A great friendship between the Canadians and the Americans was lost. The Underground Railway saved many lives.

In 1834 slavery abolished in the British empire. Slavery was not an issue in Canada. There was a perilous issue around the Canadian border. The Underground Railway was used as an endeavoring code. Slaves who briskly ran escaped. If they were found, they would be killed in a wee second. The slaves were

extremely scared. About 3,000 slaves settled in Upper Canada. Joyfully around the Canadian border the slaves were freed by the secret of the Underground Railway.

Clearly the war of 1812 is the most important topic in this essay because this war, which teaches us how strongly Canada fought to keep it's land together as a free country, changed our history. Canadians are brave people! Since the stories about the Loyalists, the War of 1812, and the Underground Railway reminds us that people lost their lives, we must not forget. Canadian history is full of sacrifice and great victories.