Why Study Canadian History?

It is the story of our past – the people of Canada: your relatives, your grandparents, your ancestors. Canadians study Canadian history to have an idea about what our families have been like for generations and generations and what life was like for them.

If you didn’t know anything about the past or recall any of your memories, how would you know who you are? How would you determine what to do or where to go? What motivation would you have to live?

Just like people, a country must learn from its experiences and mistakes. It is therefore important to understand the past to understand where to go and what to do in the future.

The Canadian Identity

1. Describe what you know about Canada’s history.

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2. Describe Canada at this very instant (people, government, laws, industry, resources etc.).

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3. Could you complete question #2 without mentioning history once? Why or why not?

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4. What is Canada’s identity?
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5. What does it mean to be Canadian?
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6. What do foreign countries associate with Canada?
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7. Is it true that Americans and Canadians are the same? (Defend your answer)
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