

Exam Review Topics of History, Society, Politics & Government, Geography & Environment

Use this as a list of topics you should be familiar with for the exam. In other words, if someone asked you to talk about these topics, would you have anything to say?

- ☐ WWI ideologies: militarism, nationalism, imperialism, isolationism
- ☐ WWI alliances: name countries involved and who they were aligned with (further, be able to explain causes of WWI)
- ☐ WWI key battles: Ypres, Somme, Vimy Ridge, Passchendaele
- ☐ WWI concepts: conscription, victory bonds, rationing, War Measures Act
- ☐ Treaty of Versailles, war guilt, reparations, and effect on Europe
- ☐ Balfour Report, Statute of Westminster (growing Canadian autonomy)
- ☐ King-Byng Crisis, the Halibut Treaty, and the Chanak Affair (growing Canadian autonomy)
- ☐ Winnipeg General Strike: causes, events, results
- ☐ contributions of R.B. Bennett, William Aberhart, Woodsworth, Duplessis, Mackenzie King
- ☐ Depression Era terms: stock market crash, buying on margin, tariffs, On-to-Ottawa Trek, relief camps, emergency relief, padlock laws, Bennett buggy
- ☐ WWII key battles: Battle of the Atlantic, Battle of Britain, Dieppe, Normandy (Juno), Hong Kong, Pearl Harbor, Invasion of Sicily, Ortona, Hiroshima/Nagasaki
- ☐ Typical WWII questions: Where did Canada fight in WWII? How else did Canada contribute? Why were Japanese interned? What were issues at home? What was the Conscription Crisis?
- ☐ Organizations: League of Nations, NATO, NORAD, United Nations, Warsaw Pact
- ☐ medicare, unemployment insurance, family allowance, Canada Pension Plan, social security, immigration reform
- ☐ Post-War events: Cuban Missile Crisis, Avro Arrow, Suez Crisis, Korean War, Vietnam War, Gulf Wars, Serbian conflict, Rwandan genocide, Somali Affair
- ☐ contributions of Diefenbaker, Pearson, Trudeau, Mulroney, Chretien
- ☐ changing postwar society 50s consumerism, 60s counterculture & protest, etc.
- ☐ changing rights for Women, Aboriginals, Immigrants, Gays, Prisoners
- ☐ key documents/decisions: Bill of Rights (1960), Immigration Act, White Paper, Bill 101, War Measures Act, Charter of Rights (1982) & new constitution, Meech Lake Accord, Charlottetown Accord
- ☐ Quebec: Quiet Revolution, FLQ Crisis, Parti Quebecois, Rene Levesque, Constitutional Crisis, separation referendums (80/95), sovereignty-association, distinct society
- ☐ key personalities: Marshall McLuhan, James Naismith, Banting, Marc Garneau, Billy Bishop, Emily Carr, Nellie McClung, David Suzuki, Emily Murphy, Wop May, Dionne Quintuplets
- ☐ general familiarity with world leaders past and present, countries, conflicts (use of examples)
- ☐ forms of government/political ideologies: fascism, capitalism, socialism, liberalism, communism, conservatism, anarchism

- ☐ political spectrum: left = gov't controlled economy and collective rights, right = private enterprise and individual power & rights, the middle is a balance or compromise... examples?
- ☐ stages in the passing of Bills in Parliament (ends in Royal Assent)
- ☐ election process and electoral districts, lobby groups, parties, constituencies
- ☐ division of government, levels of government, courts, judges, legal system, bureaucracy, MPs, MLAs, governor general, lieutenant governor
- ☐ majority vs. minority government, throne speech, cabinet selection
- ☐ government terms: cabinet, opposition, backbenchers, caucus, independents, speaker, referendum, plebiscite, proportional representation, direct democracy, first-past-the-post
- ☐ basics concepts of the Constitution and Charter of Rights
- ☐ Aboriginal self-government: forms, description, history, relations with government
- ☐ demography & population growth, stages of demographic growth
- ☐ rates (birth, death, fertility, infant mortality)
- ☐ dependency ratio, population distribution, cohort
- ☐ population pyramids: early & late expanding, stable, contracting
- ☐ role/use of census data
- ☐ infrastructure (e.g. urban) and challenges to building it up
- ☐ HDI indicators, Literacy, Life Expectancy, GDP & relation to poverty
- ☐ standard of living, poverty cycle, how to break poverty
- ☐ status of women & need for education
- ☐ role of clean drinking water and other "base" solutions
- ☐ HIV/Aids in Africa -- pandemic
- ☐ tariff, trade bloc, branch plant, NAFTA, APEC, GATT
- ☐ CIDA, tied aid, NGOs (OXFAM, Red Cross, World Vision)
- ☐ COLI (cost of living index)
- ☐ underdeveloped (highly indebted poor country)
- ☐ developing (newly industrialized country)
- ☐ developed (industrialized or post-industrialized)
- ☐ IMF & World Bank and the debt facing developing nations
- ☐ sustainable development & challenges (consumerism, laws, attitudes, rich vs poor nations)
- ☐ globalization (definition, impact), multinational companies & labour/environmental issues
- ☐ acid rain, ozone depletion, air pollution
- ☐ desertification, soil erosion & pollution
- ☐ global warming/climate change & Kyoto Protocol
- ☐ water quality & conservation issues
- ☐ urban vs rural, urbanization/urban sprawl, smog
- ☐ rainforest destruction, habitat/species loss, impact of consumerism
- ☐ biodiversity & genetic engineering
- ☐ renewable vs non-renewable resources