



Public History and Pedagogy

Engaging Students Actively in History Via Commemorative Explorations

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Cecil Rhodes, Capetown



[Rhodes Must Fall activist accepts £40,000 Rhodes scholarship to study at Oxford University](#)

James Marion Sims, NYC



[J. Marion Sims, the Gynecologist
Who Experimented on Slaves](#)

John A Macdonald, Victoria, BC



[Conversation on future of Sir John A. Macdonald statue slated for May 2020](#)



WWI commemoration



[Trudeau pays homage to fallen Canadian soldiers at Vimy Ridge](#)



<https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-46164928>



*History of Northern North America
(aka Canada)
to Scale*

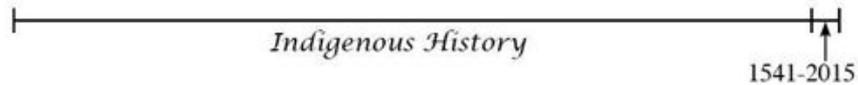


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Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada





Battlefields



Plains of Abraham, Quebec City
[Battle of the Plains of Abraham](#)



Queenston Heights
[Parks Canada - Queenston Heights National Historic Site of Canada](#)

Laura Secord



[Secord, Laura Ingersoll National Historic Person](#)



[Full Image View: Laura Secord Homestead, Queenston, Ontario.](#)

Granny Ross Memorial School of Midwifery



[Biography – LeJEUNE, MARIE-HENRIETTE –
Volume VIII \(1851-1860\)](#)



[Henriette Le Jeune Ross \(1762-1860\)](#)

Fort Victoria fence pickets



One HBC blanket was paid to Indigenous labourers per 40 pickets contributed.

[Fort Victoria bastion SW corner of the fort](#)

Royal Commissions



Commissioners of the [Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada](#).

Royal Commissions are formal public inquiries into defined issues of public concern. Commissioners are appointed by the Governor-in-Council and have the power to conduct investigations by subpoenaing witnesses, take evidence under oath, requisition documents, and hire expert staff. ([Royal Commissions](#))

Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters and Sciences



Members of the Massey Commission in 1951.
LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES CANADA

A NATIONAL LIBRARY FOR CANADA

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THE FUNCTION OF A NATIONAL LIBRARY

Research Centre for Canada

The primary purpose of every national library is to build up the most comprehensive library in the world on its own country. Canada's National Library would work in co-operation with the Public Archives, National Art Gallery, National Museum, National Research Council and other institutions for the common purpose of preserving and organizing for use all records of the country's history, distinguished citizens, political life, geography, social conditions, natural resources, literature, arts, science and technology, in short, of the whole life of the country. Every year during which Canada is without an institution to collect and preserve everything published in Canada, about Canada and by Canadians, valuable source material is lost.

Attention should be given at once to the collections of the National Library.

Editions of Canadian books are usually limited and rapidly go out of print. It is of primary importance that at least two copies of every book published in Canada be pre-

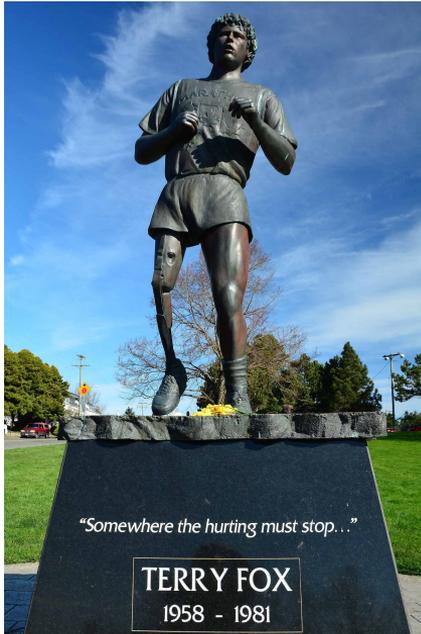
Sample submission to the Massey Commission, 1949
[Report of the Royal Commission on National Development in the Arts, Letters, and Sciences - National Library of Canada](#)

Currency Project





Local figures



[Terry Fox](#)



[Sir James Douglas](#)



[Canada 150: Mary Ellen Smith](#)



Pitseolak Ashoona



[Pitseolak Ashoona](#)

Queen Elizabeth II



Viola Desmond



[Viola Desmond \\$10 bill wins international banknote of the year design award](#)