Early Canada (Late 1800’s to WW1)

Yes this course begins after the time period listed here, but the purpose of this is to assess your prior knowledge as the information learned from the questions below was supposed to have been taught in elementary school. We can’t start the course without having an understanding of where Canada was, as a country, at that time.... how we got to where we are supposed to begin. If you use your time wisely, this will only take 1 day or so to complete. Remember to refer to the weebly handout titled: How To Improve Your Research On line to help you with these questions.

I’m going to place you in groups since many brains will make the job easier, but don’t ride on the efforts of others...remember what I said about how participation in your education and help your final grade.

Immigration/Emigration  _Group 1

1) Define the difference between immigration and emigration
2) Who did Laurier put in charge of settling Western Canada?
3) Explain why Laurier wanted people to settle in Western Canada?
4) Who was encouraged to come to Canada and who was either discouraged or not welcome?
5) There are two sorts of factors attributed to the immigration of new Canadians, what are these factors called? Make sure you give 2 examples of each and explain how they prove your answer.
6) List the steps the government took to discourage immigration from people it didn’t want in Canada? Name at least 2 cases to illustrate what you’ve said.
7) What group of Canadians had the most difficult time with the immigration of new peoples during this period and why?

Development of Cities  Group 2

1) Explain what caused people move into cities during this period in our history?
2) Describe the living conditions for new immigrants in Canadian cities.
3) What did the growth of cities cause the middle class and business owners to do?
4) Roughly, what did it cost to rent a room? How much did the average Canadian male make per hour working in a factory? Figure out how many hours he worked, then multiply it by how many days he worked per week, then per month, then for the year. How was this different from women and children?
5) What problems did city conditions and the immigrant population pose for established (native...those born here to European parents) Canadians and how did they attempt to deal with them?
Industrial Growth  Group 3

1) Name and define the two ways in which foreign countries (Great Britain and America) could invest in Canada?

2) Identify the method of investment preferred by Great Britain and America prefer? Explain why Great Britain preferred one method while America preferred the other.

3) How had Sir John A MacDonald attempted to deal with foreign investment? Why had he done this?

4) Explain what Laurier’s attitude towards foreign investment and government regulation of business was? What measures did his government take to protect Canadian businesses and were they successful?

5) What issue cost Laurier the election in 1911?

Once you have organized your info, take a moment and discuss the following. Be sure to jot down answers for discussion later.

Making Connections between the past and present

1) Explain how the reasons for immigration to Canada today are similar to those at the beginning of the 20th Century.

2) What cultural group in Canada has difficulty with immigration now and what are the problems they have?

3) Describe how cities have both changed and remained the same as far as their development since the turn of the 20th Century and how this effects the experiences of some immigrants as well as those who already live here

4) As far as the issue that cost Laurier the 1911 election, what has the Canadian government done in the last 20 years regarding foreign investment and trade?

5) Compare the pros and cons of government regulation of business in respect to the Canadian economy of the past 15 years.