

CANADA BEFORE THE GREAT WAR: SETTLING CANADA'S WEST

Use the information provided to fill in the organizer below. Then, answer the questions that appear on the back of this page.

<p><u>Reasons people came to Canada (push/pull factors)</u></p> <p><u>push factors</u> - Europe overpopulated, not enough land, overcrowded & dirty cities, high unemployment, high taxes, forced army service, no political rights, natural disasters</p> <p><u>pull factors</u> - Canada offered political & religious freedoms, free land (60 acres) & none left in U.S., a railway to transport goods, lots of advertising (last Best West)</p>	<p><u>Experiences of Travelling</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> travelled in steerage (cheapest part of ship, no windows or running water, below decks), where some got sick and died travelled across Canada by train, to the West, in drafty rail-coaches, uncomfortable, one small stove, a cistern (tank of water) at the end
<p><u>Immigration to Canada at the Turn-of-the-Century</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> African - American immigrants were often turned away (claimed they were not fit for military service or the climate) Chinese immigrants had to pay a head tax (\$500 in 1903) Asian immigrants could not vote, could not work in law, pharmacy, teaching, civil service Vancouver's Chinatown attacked in 1907 Asian workers often hired for dangerous and unpleasant jobs 	<p><u>Examples of racism towards immigrant groups</u></p> <p><u>New farmers in Canada's West</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> needed a minimum of \$250 to begin a homestead many had to work in lumber camps, railways, and mines for needed money weather issues: hailstorms, drought, dust storms, grasshopper plagues, blizzards some gave up

Answer these questions in the space provided. Use proper sentences.

1. a) Who was Clifford Sifton? He was Canada's Minister of the Interior.

b) What methods did he use to attract people to Canada? He advertised Canada. He paid U.S. newspaper editors to visit and bribed them to write positive things. He used posters and pamphlets in the U.S. and northern Europe. He hired agents and paid them \$5 for each healthy immigrant.

2. a) Define "stereotype." a general statement that claims all members of certain groups are the same, usually based on age, race, religion, etc. inaccurate and unfair

b) At the turn-of-the-century, some immigrants were not given the same rights as other Canadians. Would this behaviour be allowed in Canada today? Why/why not?

This behaviour would not be allowed in Canada today. The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms prohibits removal of rights.

c) What are some ways that we learn about other countries, religions, and cultures today?

We learn about other countries, religions, and cultures through our schools, the internet, television shows, movies, libraries, travel opportunities, multi-cultural communities, etc.

d) Look at your answer to the previous question. Would Canadians 100 years ago have the same chances to learn about other cultures as we do today? Explain your answer.

Canadians 100 years ago did not have the same opportunities to learn as we do. They spent less time in school, they travelled a lot less (and not as far), they did not have internet or T.V., movies were still very basic, and there were only a few free libraries.