

What do you Think?

- How would life be different if the state of Georgia gained independence from the United States and became its own country?
 - What reasons might Georgia have for wanting to leave?
 - What would be the benefits of having our own country?



■ Well, the province of Quebec has tried to do just that. Numerous Canadian citizens, mostly French Canadians, have worked for several years to become an independent nation.

Here's their story!

Arctic Ocean

Canada



Alaska

YK

NW

NU

BC

AB

SK

MB

ON

Quebec

NB

PEI

NS

NF

North America

United States

Mexico

Central America

1300 mi

1300 km

Pacific Ocean

Great Lakes

Gulf of Mexico

Atlantic Ocean

Caribbean

Caribbean Sea

Bering Sea

Baffin Bay

Hudson Bay

Labrador Sea

Greenland

ARCTIC CIRCLE

Quebec Independence Movement



Essential Question

- What is the Quebec Independence Movement and how has it affected Canada?



After Independence

- Canada received its independence or sovereignty.
 - Canada still had close ties to England (British Commonwealth)
- This caused problems. Many of the French in Canada felt like England had too much influence.



Rivalry

- French Canadians live mostly in Quebec.
 - Since gaining independence, French Canadians and English Canadians have fought over land and resources.
- Many French Canadians have felt like 2nd class citizens and feel they are outnumbered and don't have their voices heard.



Example: World War I

- During WWI, England and France were fighting Germany.
- Canada helped England.
- They sent raw materials.
- They sent soldiers.
 - 1000s died



French Canadians in WWI

- Many French Canadians disagreed with Canada fighting in WWI.
 - They thought that fighting in WWI would only help England and hurt Canada.
- They didn't like the close ties that Canada still had with England.
- Canada fought in WWI anyway.
 - Many French Canadians felt that the rest of Canada didn't care about their opinions.

Change in Quebec

- Quebec used to be a French colony.
- After independence and for the next 100 years many English speaking people began moving into Quebec.
- The French people of Quebec were afraid of losing their culture.
 - They were afraid their language and culture might disappear
 - They were already outnumbered by English Canadians.



French Nationalism

- Many in Quebec became *French Nationalists*.
 - They no longer thought of themselves as Canadians but as *French Canadians*.
 - They wanted to protect their language and culture.
- Many started to think that Quebec should secede from Canada.
 - i.e. break off and become their own country.



Quebec's Independence Movement

- The movement spread slowly, but more and more in Quebec began following the movement.
- In 1980 and in 1995 Quebec voted on whether or not to secede.
 - Each time more people voted to stay a part of Canada.
 - The second vote was very close.
 - 49.4% of people wanted to secede
 - 50.6% of people wanted to stay
- The Canadian government has made it a point to give French Canadians equality.



Quebec's Independence

- Even though Quebec did not secede from Canada, they have achieved equality with British Canada.
- They've kept their language and culture.
 - French is one of the official languages of Canada.



Quebec Independence Movement

British vs. French



Why were many French people not happy with being in the British Commonwealth?

Why were the French in Canada upset over WWI?

What language do most Canadians speak?

French Culture

After gaining independence, what made the French in Canada afraid of losing their culture?

What province do most French Canadians live in?

What do some French Canadians think Quebec should do to protect their culture?

Independence



What does secede mean?



Did Quebec gain its independence?

How did Quebec decide whether or not to secede?

How have the people of Quebec gained equality?

What years did they vote?



How to Analyze a Political Cartoon

1. Become familiar with all the objects and words in the cartoon.

- boat, island, water, man with top hat, red eyes, and long fingernails, “Cuba” written on island

2. Are any of the objects representing something?

- Uncle Sam represents the USA.
- Writing on boat shows it represents the UN.

How to Analyze a Political Cartoon

3. Use the words and pictures to describe what is going on in the cartoon.

According to this cartoon, Uncle Sam is evil.

(red eyes and long fingernails)

His outstretched arms are encircling Cuba, not letting any boats in or out.

4. Use cartoon's words and pictures **AND** your knowledge of the subject material to understand what the cartoonist is trying to get across to the reader.

5. Who is the cartoonist and/or in what newspaper is the cartoon published. Is there a bias?



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A TO VACTOR



Peter Don
VANCOUVER SUN



We have to write
an essay on the
Quebec referendum
How do you spell
insanity?...



Bethman 95

WELL MY OLD FRIEND, NOW THAT YOU'VE DECIDED TO STAY, PERHAPS AT LAST WE CAN ENTER INTO A RELATIONSHIP OF COMPROMISE AND AGREEMENT. LETS GO FOR A TEA...

TEA!

TEA!

TEA!

COFFEE!

COFFEE!

COFFEE!



