

SOCIAL STUDIES 10

Horizons: Canada Moves West

Chapter One : Colonies in the Wilderness

Assignment Four: The Land of Yesterday/Upper Canada (pp. 14-22)

The Land of Yesterday (pp14-15)

1. On what were the economies of each of the following British colonies based during the early 19th century? (*Economy refers to the industries in which the people can earn a living*)
 - a) Ontario
 - b) Quebec
 - c) Maritimes
 - d) Newfoundland
 - e) From Northern Labrador to the Rocky Mountains
2.
 - A) During this era, how did many immigrants arriving in B.N.A. hope to earn their living?
 - b) What part of B.N.A. had land most suitable for this purpose? What feature(s) made it suitable?
 - c) What part of B.N.A. had land that was unsuitable for this purpose? What feature(s) made it unsuitable?
3. Why did the settlers of this era prefer to settle in places such as York, Cornwall, or Niagara over places further inland?

Land for the Fur Trade (p14)

4. Explain why the culture and economy of the fur traders and western Native peoples conflicted with the goals of settlement?

Upper Canada (pp16-22)

5. How did the early settlers to Upper Canada do financially in the first few years? Explain.
6. Explain how life in BNA reduced the social classes of people?

7. a) Who was the ruling group (elite) in Upper Canada? Which group of immigrants made up this ruling class?

b) Who was the ruling, or elite, group in Lower Canada?

8. How easy was it for new settlers to become a member of the Family Compact? Why?

The Problem of Land (p20)

9. a) What did the *advertising campaigns* in England and Europe lead the people there to believe about Upper Canada?

b) Were the advertising campaigns accurate? Explain.

10. Another problem of the land in Upper Canada had to do with the members of the Family Compact and their role as *land speculators*. Explain.

11. What were the *crown and clergy reserves*? How did these add to the land problems in Upper Canada?

12. Which group of people did the British government consider the best to control most of the land in Upper Canada? Why?

13. Why didn't the British government want the people living in British North America to adopt American attitudes and values?

14. Why was it a problem for the colonial government in Upper Canada to allow land companies to acquire vast tracts of land at very low prices?