

Lesson 5

LAURIER DAYS

Canada's first Francophone leader, Prime Minister Wilfred Laurier, was passionate about a united Canada, where French and English could live in harmony. Laurier was tireless in his attempts to pacify the English ties to Great Britain while appeasing French demands to put French interests in the forefront. His determination to keep a middle ground helped him stay in power for fifteen consecutive years!

QUESTIONS DURING VIEWING

EPISODE BEGINNING

1. What hardships faced hopeful miners heading to the Klondike?
The Chilkoot Pass, avalanches, bad weather, long distances to Dawson City, lack of claims to stake.
2. How successful were most of those who raced to the Yukon?
Very few actually became rich in the gold rush.

THE SUNNY WAY

1. What was Laurier's vision for Canada?
He hoped for a unified French/English Canada.
2. What was the Manitoba Schools Question and what was Laurier's solution?
The English speaking majority in Manitoba had abolished the official use of French and funding for Catholic schools. Laurier hoped for a compromise for the French minority in Manitoba.

NOT A PRACTICAL MIND

1. Answer the questions "who, when, where" regarding the Boer War.
1899, South Africa, British army and Dutch settlers.
2. What compromise did Laurier come to regarding aid for the Boer War?
Laurier promised to send volunteers if England paid for them.

☐ CPH Series 3
Episode 11
Opening Vignette
Episode Beginning
The Sunny Way
Not a Practical Mind
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☐ Complete or discuss
Questions During
Viewing

Assignment

☐ Critical Thinking
Assignment Three

☐ **Textbook** (choose one)

*Canada, An Illustrated
History* pp. 177-179

Counterpoints (2nd Ed.)
pp. 5-13

Think History pp. 5-11