Canada: Origins, Histories and Movements of Peoples

Overview
Grade 7 students will explore the origins, histories and movement of peoples who forged the foundations of Canadian Confederation. They will examine how the political, demographic, economic and social changes that have occurred since Confederation have influenced ways in which contemporary Canada has evolved.

Rationale
Through an examination of events preceding and following Confederation, Grade 7 students will acquire an understanding of how Canada has evolved into a multicultural, bilingual, pluralistic and diverse society; they will appreciate how these dimensions of Canada have affected citizenship and identity over time.

Terms and Concepts
Assimilation, colony, demographics, bilingualism, Great Deportation, immigration, imperialism, migration, rebellion, National Policy, settlement, Treaty of Paris, urbanization

General Outcome 7.1- Toward Confederation
Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the distinct roles and the relationships among the Aboriginal, French and British peoples in forging the foundations of Canadian Confederation.

General Outcome 7.2- Following Confederation: Canadian Expansions
Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of how the political, demographic, economic and social changes that have occurred since Confederation have presented challenges and opportunities for individuals and communities.

Local and Current Affairs
In order to allow opportunities for students to engage in current affairs, issues and concerns of a local nature, the program of studies provides the flexibility to include these topics within the time allotted for Social Studies.

Course Grading-
Class assignments, presentations, quizzes and tests- 85%
Common final exam- 15%