**Chapter 1**

**The Formation of the Canadian Federal System (1840-1896)**

**Part 1:**

**The Act of Union and the early days of the Province of Canada (1840-1849)**

The Act of Union (1840)

How was the Act of Union supposed to **solve** the conflicts between **francophones** and **anlgophones** in the colony?

What were the 3 **economic** reasons behind the Act of Union?

*Political Structure after the Act of Union*

Why was the creation of ONE **legislative assembly** with EQUAL representation for both of the Canadas unfair?

Why did the British Government reject Durham’s second suggestion of **responsible government**?

*The French Canadian minority*

What two other elements of the Act of Union put French Canadians at a **disadvantage**?

The early years of the Province of Canada (1841-1847)

After the Act of Union, politicians in the Canadas divided in the two groups:

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Composition/members:

Positions & Demands:

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*The Alliance of Reformers (1841)*

Who were the two main people behind the **Alliance of Reformers**?

What did they hope to **achieve** by forming this alliance?

*The Abolition of British Protectionism*

How did British **protectionism** help the colony’s economy?

Why did Britain abolish its protectionist policies and adopt **free** trade?

What consequence did Britain abandoning it’s protectionist policies have on the colonies?

Establishing responsible government (1848)

What is **ministerial responsibility**?

*The functioning of Responsible Government*

In what ways was the new system not fully **democratic**?

*Defending French Canadian Interests*

Which two laws were established by the **Reformers** that were advantageous to the French Canadians?

First Nations in the Province of Canada

*Bagot Comission (1842-1844)*

What was the **purpose** of the Bagot commission?

*The creation of Indian reserves in Lower Canada*

How would the government **benefit** from First Nations people living on **reserves**?

**Part 2:**

**Toward a Canadian Federation (1850-1867)**

British North America in the mid-19th century

Political difficulties in the Province of Canada

The economic context

Relations with the United States in the 1860’s

The move towards Confederation

The British North America Act (1867)

**Part 3:**

**The first phases of industrialization (~1850-1896)**

A new mode of production

The eastern continental transportation network

The forestry industry

Farms

**Part 4:**

**Social change and culture in the second half of the 19th century**

Working conditions and the beginnings of unionism

Population movements

The presence of the Catholic Church

Anticlericalism

The role of Women

Culture

**Part 5:**

**Development of the Canadian federation (1867-1896)**

Territorial expansion of the Dominion 91867-1873)

Relations with the Metis

First Nations in the Dominion of Canada

The Macdonald government’s National Policy (1879)

Political life in Canada at the end of the 19th century