Canada-a People's History-Special Documentary Edition #2
971 | 73078 | DVD
90 min JIS 2001 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
Built on the themes and human dramas presented in Canada: A People's History series this special edition DVD contains additional documentary footage that provides further background and perspective to several of the historical events chronicled. Titles include: The Pathfinders; Rebellion and Reform; The Great Enterprise; Railroad Remembered; and From Sea to Sea. No Other Versions Available

The Crucible / Comfort and Fear
73070 | 40 min JIS 2001 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
The Crucible - 1940 To 1946. Canada comes of age in the anguish of World War II, with soldiers on the beaches at Dieppe and women in the industrial work force back home. The country's military role and the domestic social and political consequences of the war are traced through poignant stories of Canadians on both sides of the Atlantic. The horrific global conflict steals the innocence of a generation... but brings hope for a new future. For grades 5-12. Comfort and Fear - 1946 To 1964. The end of World War II signals the end of fifteen years of social, political and economic upheaval. The post-war baby boom and government economic and social policies give rise to unprecedented prosperity and growth for Canadian communities. Television becomes a powerful new tool with social and political consequences. But in the midst of plenty, growing fears of the Cold War and nuclear conflict create an unsettled atmosphere. Political leaders - including Diefenbaker, Smallwood, Duplessis create excitement and controversy. Saskatchewan premier Tommy Douglas begins the fight for Medicare while Canada finds itself increasingly absorbed into the American military, economic and cultural orbit. For grades 5-12. No Other Versions Available

The Fallen Feather
75120 | 93 min JIS 2007
Between 1879 and 1986, upwards of 100,000 children in Canada were forcibly removed and placed into Indian Industrial Residential Schools. Their unique culture was stripped away to be replaced with a foreign European identity. Their family ties were cut, parents were forbidden to visit their children, and the children were prevented from returning home. First Nations children were the only children in Canadian History, to be singled out by race and forced to live in institutions; generation after generation. Tens of thousands of cases of sexual and physical abuses. The Government has assumed partial responsibility for this historical wrong and has agreed to pay out Billions in damages. They agree that the assimilation of First Nations children within these Industrial Schools was a terrible mistake. A mistake? The assimilation of First Nations wasn't a mistake; it was a plan. No Other Versions Available

The Great Enterprise / from Sea to Sea
73073 | 180 min JIS 2000 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
The Great Enterprise - For grades 5-12. The story of Confederation, its supporters and its foes, is told against a backdrop of Civil War in the United States and Britain's growing determination to be rid of its expensive, ungrateful colonies. The video provides a portrait of the diverse people who make up the new Dominion of Canada: the railway magnates, the unwed mothers of Montreal, the nurses who provide refuge for the destitute, the residents of Halifax, the fugitives of the Underground Railroad, and the Irish immigrants who flood into the cities. From Sea to Sea - Confederation is barely accomplished when the new dominion must face an enormous challenge: extending its reach into the vast prairies and beyond, to the Pacific Ocean. But Canada blunders in seeking to take over the west without the consent of its inhabitants, especially the Métis of Red River and their leader, the troubled Louis Riel. The resistance of 1869-70 lays the groundwork for Manitoba to join Canada, but it also sets the stage for decades of conflict over the rights of French and English, Catholic and Protestant in the new territories. Thanks to a promise of a transcontinental railway in 10 years, the settlers of British Columbia are more easily convinced of the merits of union; by 1873 Prince Edward Island has joined as well, and Canada can boast a dominion that extends from sea to sea. No Other Versions Available

Greenpeace: Making a Stand
74597 | 40 min IS 2006 Filmwest Associates
With dramatic action footage, still photographs, lively interviews with unforgettable characters. GREENPEACE: Making a Stand explores what inspires people to risk their lives for their beliefs - to sail a ship into a nuclear test zone, to get between a pod of whales and an explosive harpoon, or to block bulldozers mowing down a forest. This compelling documentary looks at the many stories of Greenpeace from the early days of the environmental movement in the 1970s, to the front lines of a potentially dangerous campaign in Argentina. No Other Versions Available

John A. - Birth of a Country
75947 | 90 min IS 2011 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
John A: Birth of a Country exposes the passionate struggle between John A. Macdonald, the charismatic leader of the Conservative Party and his opponent, the fiercely determined George Brown, leader of what would become the Liberal party and founder of Toronto's Globe Newspaper. Both were driven by dramatically different visions for this country, with a deep hatred for each other, and battled to dominate the shape of our future. Includes teachers guide. No Other Versions Available

The Pathfinders / Rebellion and Reform
73074 | 240 min JIS 2000 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
The Pathfinders - The opening of the Canadian West is a story of great fur trading empires: the man of Greely, who were their allies and collaborators; explorers and map makers. This epic covers two centuries and the territories from the Great Lakes to the Arctic Ocean. It is a tale of renegades like Pierre Esprit Radisson, who founded an English trading empire; soldiers like Pierre Gaultier de Varennes, who spent a lifetime searching for the Western Sea; and Matonabbee, the Dene chief who led Samuel Hearne on a trek into the Barren Lands. The episode concludes as settlers on the prairies and gold miners in British Columbia begin to claim the West for themselves. For grades 5-12. Rebellion and Reform - This episode focuses on the rebellions of 1837-8, the political conflicts that led to them, and their unexpected consequences. Through the figures of Joseph Howe, Louis-Joseph Papineau and William Lyon Mackenzie, it traces the different courses these political conflicts took in Nova Scotia, Lower Canada and Upper Canada. Despite the repression that followed the Canadian rebels’ defeat, within ten years English and French-speaking politicians would establish a long-lasting political partnership that won the prize of self-government. For grades 5-12. No Other Versions Available

A Question of Loyalties
73068 | 120 min JIS 2001 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.
For grades 5-12. This episode covers the years from the beginning of the American Revolution to the end of the War of 1812. It opens with the American invasion of Canada in 1775, an invasion whose failure had much to do with the Canadiens refusal to take up arms against British rule. The mass migration of Loyalists that followed created an English-speaking Canada overnight. The next American invaders, in 1812, were fought to a standstill, setting boundaries that remain in place today. No Other Versions Available
Taking the West / the Great Transformation
73072 DVD
240 min JIS 2001 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

Taking the West - The 1870s and 1880s are a time of trial for the young Dominion of Canada. The country’s first Prime Minister, John A. Macdonald, faces economic depression in the fast-growing factories of the east and a new revolt in the west, led by his old nemesis, Louis Riel. The suppression of the Northwest Rebellion and Macdonald’s single-minded insistence that the French-speaking Catholic Riel must hang for treason threatens to tear apart the fragile bond between Quebec and English Canada.

During this same era, debates over provincial powers and the Manitoba Schools Question rage, and a dream is realized: the Canadian Pacific Railway links the country and opens the prairies to new floods. For grades 5-12. The Great Transformation - Massive waves of immigration, a headlong economic boom with the growth of prairie agriculture and urban industry transform Canada between 1896 and 1915. Those who shape the new society include peasants from Eastern Europe, in search of free land; socialists who try to mobilize an emerging urban working class; and campaigners for temperance and women’s suffrage. The dizzying pace of change also brings ethnic intolerance and racism, particularly against Asian immigrants. As well, growing tensions over Canada’s role in the British Empire help put an end to Sir Wilfrid Laurier’s reign in 1911. When World War I breaks out, a burst of enthusiasm in English Canada and resistance in French Canada foreshadows domestic conflict as wartime pressures grow. For grades 5-12.

No Other Versions Available

Years of Hope & Anger / in an Uncertain World
73069 DVD
240 min JIS 2001 Canadian Broadcasting Corp.

Years of Hope & Anger - 1964 To 1976. The Sixties and Seventies are an era of ferment on every level: politics, culture and personal life. Quebec’s Quiet Revolution and youth movements across North America challenge the status quo. Some events bring the country together: a new flag is introduced and Canada shines in the world’s spotlight with Expo ’67; while others threaten considerable upheaval: growing calls for Quebec sovereignty, the 1970 FLQ/War Measures Act crisis, and an energy shortage pits East against West. A charismatic law professor is elected Liberal leader, then Prime Minister; Trudeau mania changes the face of Canadian politics. For grades 5-12.

In an Uncertain World - 1976 To 1990. The world order and economic boom that had taken shape after World War II starts to unravel, and a new era of uncertainty begins. Free trade, globalization, and regionalism converge with the rise of feminism, aboriginal claims, growing multicultur alism and the explosion of computer technology. Canada’s economic, social and political environment are affected. Canada’s new Charter begins to have an impact. Debate around Canadian unity intensifies with the Quebec referendum of 1980, repatriation of the Constitution and the Meech Lake Accord. For grades 5-12.

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