

Unit 4

Name: _____

After Confederation - Part 2

Date: _____

Chapter 11, Lesson 1: Canada West - Key

Answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. Why did Laurier feel that Canada needed more people in the West?

Canada needed more people, particularly to start farms in the West and in industries such as gold, copper, and coal mining.

2. What groups participated in the government's effort to bring more newcomers to Canada? Why were they interested in bringing newcomers to Canada's West?

Private investors became involved. They could sell their land in the West to immigrants at a profit.

Church groups wanted to build religious communities.

Railway companies were involved because they would make big profits selling their land.

3. What three regions did the government target with Sifton's advertising campaign? Why were these regions targeted?

United States:

- American farmers already knew how to farm on the prairies.
- The United States was running out of new farmland.

Great Britain:

- Immigrants from Great Britain would adapt well to the British Canadian culture.
- They would strengthen the British character of the country.

Eastern Europe:

- Eastern European farmers were experienced at growing crops.
- They would put up with the hardships of prairie life.
- They would willingly assimilate into British Canadian culture.

4. Do you think the posters (on page 248) would have convinced you to move to Canada's West? Explain.

Opinion - be sure to explain your point of view.

5. Why did many immigrants feel that the move to Canada's West was a trap?

Many immigrants felt the move to Canada's West was a trap because life was harder than the advertisements had led them to believe. Most immigrants did not have the money to return to their homelands.

6. Identify and describe the push factors that encouraged immigrants to leave their homelands.

Population growth - High population growth in Europe limited jobs and farmland.

Religious persecution - Some Eastern European religious groups were being persecuted for their beliefs.

Political persecution - Several groups were being persecuted for their political beliefs.

Natural disaster - Natural disasters (such as the potato famine in Ireland) caused people to leave their homeland.

Affordable travel - Steamships made travel more affordable and shorter.

7. Identify and describe the pull factors that encouraged immigrants to choose Canada as their new home.

Free land - Inexpensive, plentiful land was offered in Western Canada.

Jobs - The West needed people to fill the abundant jobs.

Completed railway - The railway would provide farmers with access to Eastern markets.

Better machinery - Better machinery allowed for production of more crops.

Improving farming techniques - Wheat more suited to prairie climate were developed.

Growing world demand for wheat - The price for wheat increased, which meant a farming family could do well.

Religious and political freedom - People in Canada allowed to hold their beliefs.

Friends and family - Some people already had family and friends in Canada.