

Social Studies 9 Research Essay Topics

You can use these topic suggestions to develop your own thesis statements.

CAUSE AND EFFECT TIMELINES:

Politics and government

1. The causes and effects of French Seignorial system
 2. The causes of the deportation of the Acadian people and the effects on their lives
 3. The causes and effects of the American Revolution
 4. The causes and effects of the movement of the United Empire Loyalists into Canada
 5. The causes and effects of the War of 1812
 6. The English revolution
 7. The French revolution
 8. The causes and effects of the Plains of Abraham (Seven Years War)
 9. The causes and effects of the role of churches in early English Canada
 10. Napoleon
 11. Queen Elizabeth I
 13. Frontenac
 14. Oliver Cromwell
 15. King Louis XIV
 16. Thayendanegea
 17. Jesuits in N. France
 18. King Louis XVI
19. Compare the reign of the Tudors vs the Stuarts

Exploration and trade:

20. Causes for European exploration and the effects in North America – 1500-1815
21. The causes and effects of the North American fur trade
22. The causes for Aboriginal peoples to join the fur trade and its effects on them
23. The causes and effects of the Industrial Revolution

Trade:

24. Compare and contrast the Hudson's Bay Company with the North-West Company

COMPARE AND CONTRAST:

Geography

24/25 Compare and contrast two major geographical regions in Canada:

- a. Appalachian Mountains (Maritimes)
- b. Canadian Shield (Upper and Lower Canada)
- c. Interior Plains (Prairies)
- d. Canadian Cordillera (BC)

26. Compare how two different Aboriginal groups traditionally interacted with the environment

27. Compare the French seignorial and English colonial landholding systems

28/29 Compare two of the major exploration routes of North America > 1815: why they were used and/or how they created patterns of settlement

Lifestyles:

30. Compare the lifestyles and occupations of English and French people in Lower Canada

Women's Contributions:

31/32 Compare the roles of women in two types of society:

- traditional Aboriginal societies
- religious nuns,
- in New France's Seignorial system,
- the colonies

33. Compare and contrast the experiences of Susanna Moodie's life in the wilderness with her sister, Catherine Parr Trail's life in a town in Upper Canada