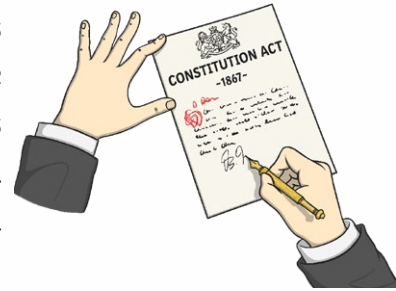


# All About Canada Day

Canada Day is a popular holiday celebrated across Canada on July 1st every year with fireworks, free concerts, air and maritime shows, parades, barbecues and festivals. The biggest celebration is in Canada's capital city, Ottawa.



Canada Day used to be called Dominion Day. This holiday has been around for a long time and it celebrates The British North America Act (now known as The Constitution Act). The British North America Act helped form the beginning of the country of Canada. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the province of Canada formed this new colony. This gave Canada more (but not total) independence from the British Empire.

## Some Important Dates on the Celebration of Canada Day

Canada's 50th anniversary is first recognized official celebration of Canada Day.

Canada's 100th anniversary is the first recognized countrywide celebration of Dominion Day.

Canada Day is not just a celebration of gaining more independence and the start of the formation of Canada as a country onto itself; it is a celebration of why Canadians are proud to call Canada their home.

### Did you know?

Canada Day is part of "Celebrate Canada" which begins on June 21 with National Indigenous Peoples Day, continues with Jean-Baptiste Day on June 24 and Canadian Multiculturalism Day on June 27. It ends with Canada Day on July 1st.





Unlike Independence Day celebrated in the United States on July 4th, where they celebrate total independence from the British Empire since Confederation, Canada has gradually gained more independence but not total independence from the British Empire. Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II is Queen of Canada and Head of State.

The Governor General represents the Queen in Canada.

Even after Confederation, many Canadian citizens still identified themselves as British and so Dominion Day (now known as Canada Day) was not very popular at first.

The province of Canada was separated into Ontario and Quebec.

Special citizenship ceremonies are held during Canada Day. Everyone must swear the oath of citizenship, which includes swearing allegiance to Her Majesty and all her heirs and successors.

# Questions About Canada Day

Answer the questions below in full sentences.

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2. Name two ways in which Canada Day is celebrated.

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3. What was Canada Day originally called?

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4. Name one province that was included in the first to make up Canada?

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5. What two parts was the province of Canada separated into?

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6. Why is Canada Day celebrated?

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# Canada Day Answers

1. When is Canada Day celebrated?

**Canada Day is celebrated on July 1st every year.**

2. Name two ways in which Canada Day is celebrated.

**Canada Day is celebrated with fireworks and festivals.**

**\*Other possible answers: free concerts, barbeques, parades, special citizenship ceremonies, air and maritime shows.**

3. Other than Canada Day, name another significant day celebrated during Celebrate Canada.

**Canada Day was originally called Dominion Day.**

4. Name one province that was included in the first to make up Canada?

**Nova Scotia was one of the first provinces to make up Canada.**

**Other possible answers:**

**New Brunswick, was one of the first provinces to make up Canada.**

**The province of Canada was one of the first provinces to make up Canada**

5. What two parts was the province of Canada separated?

**The province of Canada was separated into Ontario and Quebec.**

6. Why is Canada Day celebrated?

**Canada Day celebrates The British North America Act.**

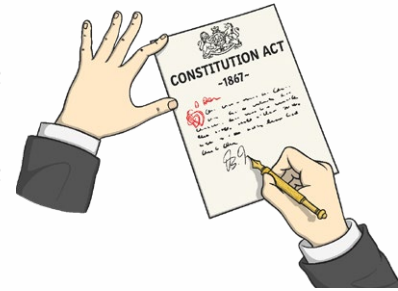
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**Canada Day celebrates gaining more independence from the British Empire and the start of the formation of Canada as a country.**

**Canada Day celebrates why Canadians are proud to call Canada their home.**

# All About Canada Day

Canada Day is a national holiday celebrated across Canada on July 1 every year with fireworks, free concerts, air and maritime shows, parades, barbeques and festivals. The biggest celebration is held on the lawns of Parliament Hill in Ottawa, Ontario. This holiday celebrates the anniversary



of British Parliament passing legislation called The British North America Act (now known as The Constitution Act) on July 1, 1867 to form this new dominion. Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the province of Canada formed the new Dominion of Canada.

This gave Canada more but not total independence from the British Empire. Up until October 27, 1982, Canada Day was known as Dominion Day. It was changed to better reflect their independence from the British Empire. On July 1, 1879 Dominion Day was made into a holiday all over Canada.

## Some Important Dates on the Celebration of Canada Day

1917 – Canada's 50th anniversary and the first documented official celebration of Canada Day.

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Even after Confederation, many Canadian citizens still identified themselves as British and so Dominion Day (now known as Canada Day) was not very popular at first.

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Special citizenship ceremonies are held during Canada Day. Everyone must swear the oath of citizenship, which includes swearing allegiance to Her Majesty and all her heirs and successors.



# Questions About Canada Day

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**Another possible answer would be:**

**Jean-Baptiste Day or Multiculturalism Day.**

4. What two parts was the province of Canada separated into?

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**Canada Day celebrates the anniversary of British Parliament passing legislation called The British North America Act (now known as The Constitution Act).**

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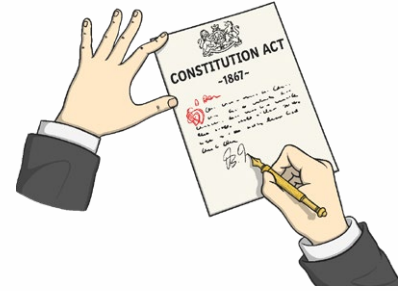
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Parliament passing legislation called The British North America Act (now known as The Constitution Act) on July 1, 1867 to form the Dominion of Canada. This meant the British colonies of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and the province of Canada formed the new Dominion of Canada. Although this granted Canada more independence from the British Empire, British Parliament and Cabinet still had a lot of control over Canada. Up until October 27, 1982, Canada Day was known as Dominion Day. It was changed to better reflect their independence from the British Empire and the patriation of the Constitution. On July 1, 1982 Dominion Day was made into a statutory holiday by federal law.

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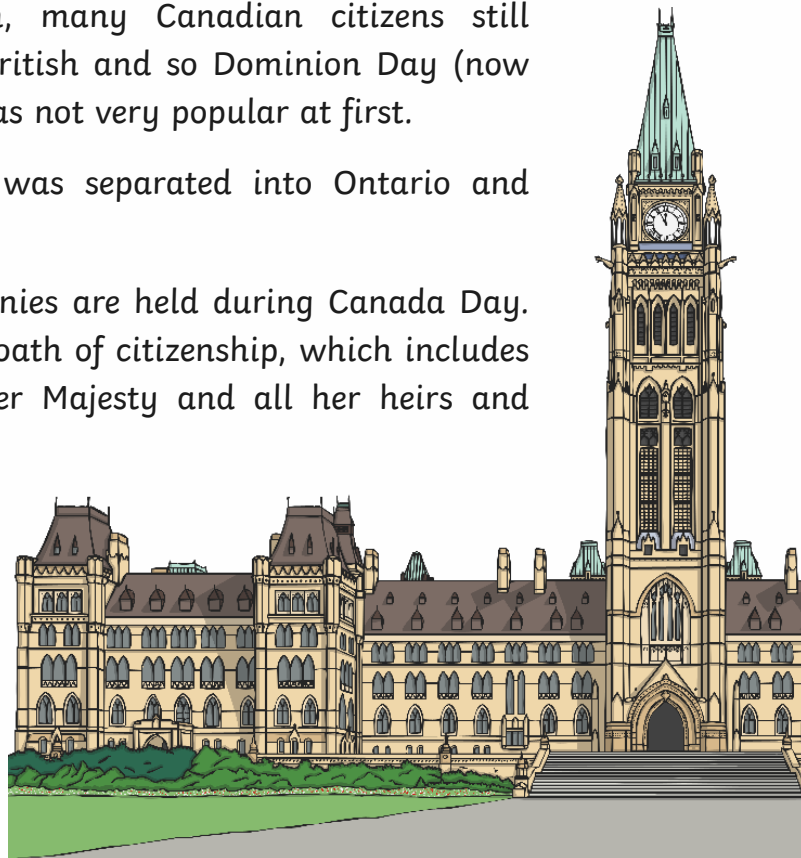
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**National Indigenous Peoples Day and Jean-Baptiste Day are also celebrated during Celebrate Canada.**

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**Multiculturalism Day.**

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