Printable Flash Cards

Cut along the outer lines. Fold each card down the middle: question on one side, answer on the other.

Lesson 1: question In what year was Magna Carta signed?	Answer **1215**
Lesson 1: question When did the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms become part of the Constitution?	Answer **1982**
Lesson 1: question What is habeas corpus?	Answer **The right to challenge unlawful detention by the state**
Lesson 1: question Which right lets Canadians live and work anywhere in Canada and apply for a passport?	Answer **Mobility rights**

Lesson 1: question	Answer
True or false: In Canada, military service is compulsory for young men.	**False**
Which of these is a responsibility of Canadian citizens? (Serving on a jury when called / Speaking both official languages / Owning property / Joining a political party)	**Serving on a jury when called**
Which of these is NOT one of the basic freedoms Canadians enjoy? (Freedom of speech / Freedom of peaceful assembly / Freedom of religion / Freedom from paying taxes)	**Freedom from paying taxes**
What does the rule of law mean?	**No person or group is above the law**

Lesson 1: question True or false: In Canada, men and women are equal under the law.	Answer **True**
Lesson 1: question In the Oath of Citizenship, new citizens promise to be faithful to whom?	Answer **The King of Canada, his heirs and successors**
Lesson 1: question Which of these is a source of Canadian law? (The civil code of France / The Roman Senate / The laws of each city only / The laws of the United States)	Answer **The civil code of France**
Lesson 1: question How can a young person learn discipline and skills while helping to protect Canada?	Answer **By joining the cadets**

Lesson 2: question What are Canada's three founding peoples?	Answer **Aboriginal, French and British**
Lesson 2: question Which three groups make up Aboriginal peoples?	Answer **First Nations, Inuit and Métis**
Lesson 2: question What does the word Inuit mean in the Inuktitut language?	Answer **"The people"**
Lesson 2: question What language do the Métis speak?	Answer **Michif**

Lesson 2: question Which is the only officially bilingual province?	Answer **New Brunswick**
Lesson 2: question Who are the Acadians?	Answer **Descendants of French colonists who settled in the Maritimes from 1604**
Lesson 2: question What was the Great Upheaval?	Answer **The deportation of more than two-thirds of the Acadians between 1755 and 1763**
Lesson 2: question What document first guaranteed Aboriginal territorial rights?	Answer **The Royal Proclamation of 1763**

Lesson 2: question In what year did the federal government formally apologize to former students of residential schools?	Answer **2008**
Lesson 2: question True or false: Canada is the only constitutional monarchy in North America.	Answer **True**
Lesson 2: question Since the 1970s, where have most immigrants to Canada come from?	Answer **Asian countries**
Lesson 2: question In what year did the House of Commons recognize that the Québécois form a nation within a united Canada?	Answer **2006**

Lesson 3: question Who was the first European to map Canada's Atlantic shore?	Answer **John Cabot**
Lesson 3: question Where does the name "Canada" come from?	Answer **The Iroquoian word kanata, meaning "village"**
Lesson 3: question Who made three voyages between 1534 and 1542 and claimed the land for the King of France?	Answer **Jacques Cartier**
Lesson 3: question Which Europeans reached Labrador and Newfoundland about 1,000 years ago?	Answer **The Vikings**

Lesson 3: question Who built a fortress at what is now Québec City in 1608?	Answer **Samuel de Champlain**
Lesson 3: question In what year was the first European settlement north of Florida established, at St. Croix Island and then Port-Royal?	Answer **1604**
Lesson 3: question What did the Hudson's Bay Company receive in 1670?	Answer **Exclusive trading rights over the lands draining into Hudson Bay**
Lesson 3: question What did the fur trade mainly depend on?	Answer **Beaver pelts**

Lesson 3: question Who won the Battle of the Plains of Abraham in 1759?	Answer **The British**
Lesson 3: question True or false: Both Wolfe and Montcalm were killed in the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.	Answer **True**
Lesson 3: question Why did many Aboriginal people die after Europeans arrived?	Answer **European diseases, to which they had no immunity**
Lesson 3: question What were the canoe travellers of the fur trade called?	Answer **Voyageurs and coureurs des bois**

Lesson 4: question	Answer
What did the Quebec Act of 1774 do?	**Allowed religious freedom for Catholics and restored French civil law**
Lesson 4: question	Answer
Who were the United Empire Loyalists?	**People loyal to the Crown who left the United States after 1776**
Lesson 4: question	Answer
Where was the first representative assembly elected, in 1758?	**Halifax, Nova Scotia**
Lesson 4: question	Answer
What did the Constitutional Act of 1791 do?	**Divided the Province of Quebec into Upper Canada and Lower Canada**

Lesson 4: question Which was the first province in the British Empire to move toward abolishing slavery?	Answer **Upper Canada**
Lesson 4: question What was the Underground Railroad?	Answer **A network that helped slaves escape from the United States to Canada**
Lesson 4: question Who was the first woman publisher in Canada?	Answer **Mary Ann Shadd Cary**
Lesson 4: question What was the result of the War of 1812?	Answer **The American attempt to conquer Canada failed**

Lesson 4: question Who led 460 soldiers to turn back 4,000 American invaders at Châteauguay in 1813?	Answer **Charles de Salaberry**
Lesson 4: question What is responsible government?	Answer **Ministers must have the support of most elected members to govern**
Lesson 4: question Which colony was the first to gain full responsible government, in 1847 and 1848?	Answer **Nova Scotia**
Lesson 4: question True or false: The Rebellions of 1837 and 1838 succeeded and made Canada a republic.	Answer **False**

Lesson 5: question When did Canada become a country (Confederation)?	Answer **July 1, 1867**
Lesson 5: question Which four provinces formed Canada in 1867?	Answer **Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick**
Lesson 5: question Who was Canada's first Prime Minister?	Answer **Sir John A. Macdonald**
Lesson 5: question Which was the last province to join Canada?	Answer **Newfoundland and Labrador**

Lesson 5: question	Answer
Who led the Métis uprisings and is called the father of Manitoba?	**Louis Riel**
Lesson 5: question	Answer
Why did British Columbia join Canada in 1871?	**Ottawa promised to build a railway to the West Coast**
Lesson 5: question	Answer
Who drove the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1885?	**Donald Smith (Lord Strathcona)**
Lesson 5: question	Answer
In what year was the North West Mounted Police founded?	**1873**

Lesson 5: question Who was the first French-Canadian Prime Minister since Confederation?	Answer **Sir Wilfrid Laurier**
Lesson 5: question Where did the name "Dominion of Canada" come from?	Answer **Psalm 72 in the Bible, suggested by Sir Leonard Tilley**
Lesson 5: question When did Alberta and Saskatchewan become provinces?	Answer **1905**
Lesson 5: question True or false: Nunavut became a territory in 1999.	Answer **True**

Lesson 6: question When did the Canadian Corps capture Vimy Ridge?	Answer **April 1917**
Lesson 6: question Which was the first province to give women the right to vote?	Answer **Manitoba**
Lesson 6: question Who was the first woman elected as a Member of Parliament?	Answer **Agnes Macphail**
Lesson 6: question What do Canadians wear on Remembrance Day?	Answer **A red poppy**

Lesson 6: question What happened on D-Day, June 6, 1944?	Answer **Canadian troops captured Juno Beach in Normandy**
Lesson 6: question Who is called Canada's greatest soldier?	Answer **Sir Arthur Currie**
Lesson 6: question Who wrote the poem "In Flanders Fields"?	Answer **Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae**
Lesson 6: question Which country did the Canadian Army liberate in 1944 and 1945?	Answer **The Netherlands**

Lesson 6: question What was the Great Depression?	Answer **A time of very high unemployment after the 1929 stock market crash**
Lesson 6: question True or false: At the end of the Second World War, Canada had the third-largest navy in the world.	Answer **True**
Lesson 6: question How many Canadians served in the First World War?	Answer **More than 600,000**
Lesson 6: question In what year did the Government of Canada apologize to Japanese Canadians for wartime wrongs?	Answer **1988**

Lesson 7: question What was the Quiet Revolution?	Answer **A period of rapid change in Quebec in the 1960s**
Lesson 7: question In what year did Parliament pass the Official Languages Act?	Answer **1969**
Lesson 7: question Who invented basketball?	Answer **James Naismith**
Lesson 7: question Who discovered insulin?	Answer **Sir Frederick Banting and Charles Best**

Lesson 7: question	Answer
What did Terry Fox do in 1980?	**Began the Marathon of Hope to raise money for cancer research**
Lesson 7: question	Answer
What military alliance did Canada help form with other Western democracies during the Cold War?	**NATO**
Lesson 7: question	Answer
When were Aboriginal people granted the right to vote?	**1960**
Lesson 7: question	Answer
Who invented the world system of standard time zones?	**Sir Sandford Fleming**

Lesson 7: question What was the Group of Seven?	Answer **Painters who captured Canada's wilderness landscapes**
Lesson 7: question In which war did Canada take part in the UN operation defending South Korea?	Answer **The Korean War, 1950 to 1953**
Lesson 7: question True or false: Quebec voted to separate from Canada in the 1980 referendum.	Answer **False**
Lesson 7: question Who invented the snowmobile?	Answer **Joseph-Armand Bombardier**

Lesson 8: question What are the three key facts about Canada's system of government?	Answer **A federal state, a parliamentary democracy and a constitutional monarchy**
Lesson 8: question What are the three parts of Parliament?	Answer **The Sovereign, the Senate and the House of Commons**
Lesson 8: question Who is the head of state of Canada?	Answer **The Sovereign (King Charles the Third, as of November 2026)**
Lesson 8: question Who represents the Sovereign in Canada?	Answer **The Governor General**

Lesson 8: question Who represents the Sovereign in each province?	Answer **The Lieutenant Governor**
Lesson 8: question How do senators get their seats?	Answer **They are appointed by the Governor General on the advice of the Prime Minister**
Lesson 8: question Which of these is a federal government responsibility? (Defence / Education / Highways / Hospitals)	Answer **Defence**
Lesson 8: question Which of these is a provincial responsibility? (Currency / Foreign policy / Citizenship / Education)	Answer **Education**

Lesson 8: question Which two areas are shared by the federal government and the provinces?	Answer **Agriculture and immigration**
Lesson 8: question What is the final step before a bill becomes law?	Answer **Royal Assent**
Lesson 8: question In a territory, who represents the federal government?	Answer **The Commissioner**
Lesson 8: question True or false: The head of government in a province is called the Premier.	Answer **True**

Lesson 9: question Who can vote in a federal election?	Answer **A Canadian citizen who is at least 18 on voting day and is on the voters' list**
Lesson 9: question What is an electoral district also called?	Answer **A riding or constituency**
Lesson 9: question What do you mark on the ballot next to the candidate you choose?	Answer **An "X"**
Lesson 9: question After an election, who usually becomes Prime Minister?	Answer **The leader of the party with the most seats in the House of Commons**

Lesson 9: question What is a minority government?	Answer **The governing party holds less than half of the seats in the House of Commons**
Lesson 9: question What is the Official Opposition?	Answer **The opposition party with the most members in the House of Commons**
Lesson 9: question True or false: Your employer has the right to make you tell them how you voted.	Answer **False**
Lesson 9: question What does Elections Canada mail to voters after an election is called?	Answer **A voter information card**

Lesson 9: question Who may run as a candidate in a federal election?	Answer **Canadian citizens who are 18 or older**
Lesson 9: question Which of these is usually a municipal responsibility? (Snow removal / Citizenship / Defence / Foreign policy)	Answer **Snow removal**
Lesson 9: question What are the local laws passed by a municipal council called?	Answer **By-laws**
Lesson 9: question When are federal elections normally held?	Answer **On the third Monday in October every four years, unless an earlier election is called**

Lesson 10: question	Answer
What is the highest court in Canada?	**The Supreme Court of Canada**
Lesson 10: question	Answer
What does the presumption of innocence mean?	**Everyone is innocent until proven guilty**
Lesson 10: question	Answer
What is due process?	**The principle that the government must respect all of a person's legal rights**
Lesson 10: question	Answer
Which provinces have their own provincial police forces?	**Ontario and Quebec**

Lesson 10: question Who enforces federal laws throughout Canada?	Answer **The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP)**
Lesson 10: question What can you do if you cannot pay for a lawyer?	Answer **Use legal aid services, available free or at low cost in most communities**
Lesson 10: question True or false: Judges, politicians and the police must also obey the law.	Answer **True**
Lesson 10: question Which court deals with matters concerning the federal government?	Answer **The Federal Court of Canada**

Lesson 10: question Who makes the laws in Canada?	Answer **Elected representatives**
Lesson 10: question Which court handles civil cases about small sums of money?	Answer **Small claims court**
Lesson 10: question True or false: You are allowed to question the police about their service or conduct.	Answer **True**
Lesson 10: question What does the blindfold on the statue of Lady Justice mean?	Answer **Laws are applied fairly, considering only the facts**

Lesson 11: question	Answer
When was the national flag first raised?	**1965**
Lesson 11: question	Answer
What is Canada's national motto?	**A Mari Usque Ad Mare, "from sea to sea"**
Lesson 11: question	Answer
What is Canada's official summer sport?	**Lacrosse**
Lesson 11: question	Answer
What is Canada's national winter sport?	**Hockey**

Lesson 11: question When was O Canada proclaimed the national anthem?	Answer **1980**
Lesson 11: question What is the highest honour available to Canadians?	Answer **The Victoria Cross**
Lesson 11: question Which animal appears on the five-cent coin?	Answer **The beaver**
Lesson 11: question Why was the Peace Tower built?	Answer **In memory of the First World War**

Lesson 11: question When did red and white become Canada's national colours?	Answer **1921**
Lesson 11: question When is Remembrance Day?	Answer **November 11**
Lesson 11: question Who donated the Stanley Cup?	Answer **Lord Stanley, the Governor General, in 1892**
Lesson 11: question True or false: The Order of Canada was created in 1967, the 100th anniversary of Confederation.	Answer **True**

Lesson 12: question What is the capital of Canada?	Answer **Ottawa**
Lesson 12: question Who chose Ottawa as the capital, and when?	Answer **Queen Victoria, in 1857**
Lesson 12: question What are Canada's three main types of industry?	Answer **Service, manufacturing and natural resources**
Lesson 12: question Which country is Canada's largest trading partner?	Answer **The United States**

Lesson 12: question Which three oceans border Canada?	Answer **Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic**
Lesson 12: question Which is the smallest province?	Answer **Prince Edward Island**
Lesson 12: question What is the capital of Nunavut?	Answer **Iqaluit**
Lesson 12: question Where is the highest mountain in Canada, Mount Logan?	Answer **Yukon**

Lesson 12: question	Answer
Which province is the largest producer of oil and gas?	**Alberta**
Lesson 12: question	Answer
Where are the world's highest tides?	**The Bay of Fundy**
Lesson 12: question	Answer
What are Canada's five regions?	**Atlantic, Central, Prairie, West Coast and North**
Lesson 12: question	Answer
Which is Canada's largest and busiest port?	**The Port of Vancouver**

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