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In 1999 the new territory of Nunavut was created in the far Northeast of Canada. Nunavut is the first large self-governing unit in North America with a majority of native peoples: the Inuit.
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2001: The CUC voted to change its relationship with the UUA and became the main service provider of the 50 congregations in Canada.
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1990s: Many French Canadians did not feel fairly treated by the English majority and two elections were held to decide if Quebec should stay a part of Canada or become a separate country. Both times it was decided that Quebec would stay a part of Canada.
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During the Vietnam War, Canadian Unitarians helped US "draft dodgers" (men who had been drafted into the army but did not want to fight) find places to live in Canada.
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1961: The Unitarians and Universalists in both Canada and the U.S. merged to form the Unitarian Universalist Association. Local congregations in Canada could join the UUA as well as the CUC.
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UNITARIANS! In Canada

UNITARIAN HISTORY

1920s: Unitarian minister William Irvine was one of the principal founders of a new democratic party in Canada that brought socialist values to Canadian laws, such as national health care and free education to grade 12.
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In 1945 Lotta Hitschomanova started the Canadian Unitarian Service Committee to help refugees during World War II.
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Early 1900s: Other small, scattered Unitarian congregations formed across Canada; some joined the American Unitarian Association (AUA), some the British and Foreign Unitarian Association (BFUA).
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1961: The first national organization of Unitarian churches, called the Canadian Unitarian Council (CUC) was formed.
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1891: The First Icelandic Unitarian Church of Winnipeg (in "New Iceland," now the province of Manitoba) was formed.
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1600s-1700s: European settlers came in a series of waves. First were the French, followed by the English. Many battles were fought between these two and England won, making the territory a part of Great Britain.

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1600s: The Canadian fur trade began when Europe's hat makers discovered that beaver hair was the finest hat-making material available.

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1815 -1850: Close to a million people migrated to British North America from England, Scotland, and Ireland.

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985: Indigenous people lived in North America for thousands of years before the first Europeans, the Vikings, arrived.

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1869 & 1885: Louis Riel led two rebellions to support the Metis, people who were half native and half European. He succeeded in getting special rights for them before he was hanged for starting these rebellions.

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START

1800s: Lutherans from Iceland came and settled in Western Canada. They felt more at home with the Unitarians than with the more conservative Lutherans already there, so they joined the Unitarians.

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1867: The country of Canada was formed in an event that Canadians call "Confederation." The city of Ottawa was chosen as the national capital. Today there are 10 provinces and 3 territories. Pick a Customs

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1842: The present Unitarian congregation in Montreal was formed.

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In its earliest beginnings, Unitarianism developed in Eastern Canada when people with Unitarian views moved there from Ireland, Britain and the United States.

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1819-1829: The large Workman family emigrated from Northern Ireland and was responsible for establishing the first Unitarian congregation in Montreal. It lasted only a few years.

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