

New Westminster Online Learning School

Social Studies 9:

Course Description

In Social Studies 9, students explore how ideas, geography, and power shaped Canada and the world, learning about rebellions, immigration, and how different groups were treated. Students will develop their research skills, use evidence to support their ideas, and properly credit their sources.

Big Ideas

The following points are adapted from the Social Studies 9 BC Curriculum:

- The natural environment plays an important role in shaping political, social, and economic changes.
- New ideas and beliefs can strongly shape how societies develop and respond to events.
- Differences in power can affect relationships between people and groups.
- Collective identity is built over time and can change with new experiences and perspectives.

* The learning standards are available [here](#) .

Expectations

- Students are expected to login at least three times a week and are expected to complete the first activity within two weeks of enrolling. If they do not log in for more than a week, they will receive two notifications through *Brightspace course mail*. No response within a week may lead to withdrawal.
- A maximum of two activities (e.g., assignments, quizzes) may be submitted per week.
- The course should be completed in about four months.
- Student questions and messages must be sent using *Brightspace course mail*.
- Work must be written in the student's own words and voice.
- If authorship is unclear, supervised in-class writing may be scheduled by the teacher to support academic integrity.

Course Content

Module 1	Identifying and Citing Sources
Module 2	Geography of Canada and BC
Module 3	Development of the West
Module 4	Rebellions and Their Effect on Canada
Module 5	Canadian Immigration

Student Learning Activities

All lessons, assignments, and assessments are online and include text, videos, and website links. Taking notes and keeping them organized in a binder is highly recommended.

Assessment and Evaluation

This course has nine activities (assignments, discussion posts, and quizzes). Progress and understanding are assessed using the provincial proficiency scale.

Resources

All materials are online, so access to a reliable internet is essential. No textbook or workbook is required.

Thank you.