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Dear Students,

- On November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016, **the United States of America elected Donald J. Trump as its 45th president**. His time in office continues to disrupt national and international norms – highlighting a bitter divide in the American Republic itself. Recently, documentarian Michael Moore declared that Donald Trump will be the last president of the United States. How did Trump reach the presidency? What has been Trump's impact on Canada during his time in office?
- On October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the **Cannabis Act will become the law of the land in Canada** – making us the third nation in the world to legalize marijuana (Georgia and Uruguay are the other two). What will this mean for Canada to end this prohibition, and can we learn from our experiences with Alcohol Prohibition during the 1920s?
- We are in the midst of the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First World War** (2018 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the "War to End all Wars") – how will this history be remembered going forward especially now that no veterans are left alive to tell their personal accounts?
- In 2016 the **Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada** released its final report. How is this report impacting Canadian society and its relationships with Indigenous Peoples?

I am very excited that we are going to be experiencing this all together. It has been said that studying history is like playing a



In looking at Canada and the World we will make use of many different resources: artefacts, video, primary sources, secondary sources, archives, novels, etc. This course has been designed with many elements that you will see during your time in post-secondary education. I want you to enjoy history, and will do my best to present a positive experience. Please feel free to bring to my attention any questions or concerns you might have during the course.

Some resources to keep in mind:

**This class has its own website that can be accessed at: [www.tidridge.com](http://www.tidridge.com)**

This website is as important as your textbook – check here for assignment checklists, class news, links to sites of interest, and other important information.



**This class will also make use of “The Hub” – please make sure you have your account up-to-date.**

Wishing you success,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "N. Tidridge", with a long horizontal line underneath it.

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