

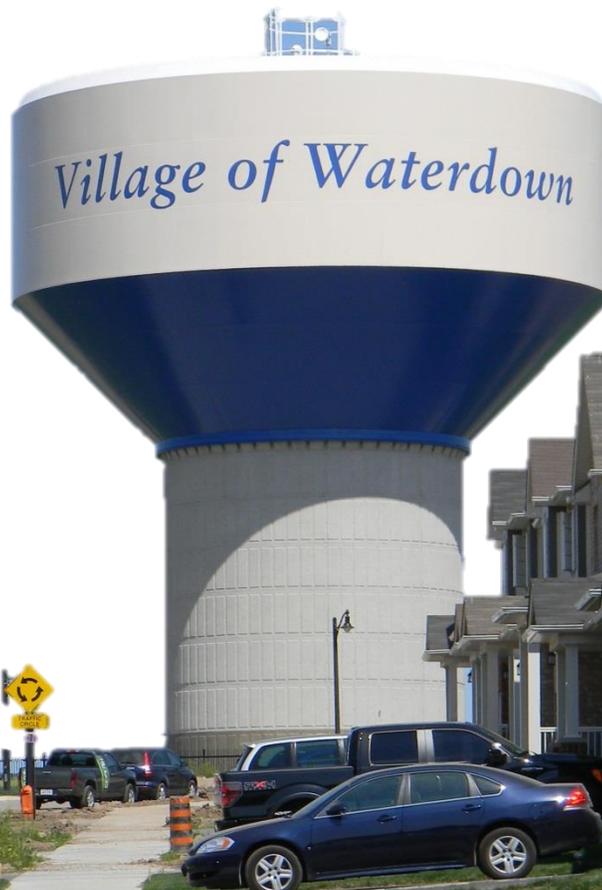
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Dear Students,



This school year could be the most significant, in terms of national and international events, in recent memory:

- The Wet'suwet'en Nation is currently facing off against the Governments of Canada and British Columbia over a proposed pipeline through their territory. With no Treaty relationship established between the Wet'suwet'en People and the Crown, how can this impasse be resolved? Why is there no Treaty relationship? What IS a Treaty relationship??
- On January 20th, 2017, the United States of America inaugurated President Donald J. Trump after one of the most divisive campaigns in their history. What will be the impact on Canada of such a polarizing administration? Who will Canada adapt to the new reality of Trump's America – an America that seems to be in a constant state of fluctuation?



- Canadians will experience a federal election in the fall of 2019 (some of you will be voting for the first time). How has our democracy developed? How does it work? As populism sweeps through some jurisdictions around the world, will it [continue to?] impact our society?
- How does Waterdown fit into all of this? No longer marketed as the “Victorian Village of Waterdown,” how does our local history reflect the larger national stories of Canada? Is local history important?

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 huge game of telephone - sifting through various stories, exaggerations and factual evidence. This course will present you with all kinds of information that affects you as a Canadian.

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

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", written over a horizontal line.

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