



**William Lyon Mackenzie King**  
**Liberal**  
**(1921-1926) (1926-1930) (1935-1948)**  
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## Biography

William Lyon Mackenzie King OM, CMG, PC, also commonly known as Mackenzie King, was the dominant Canadian political leader, as the Prime Minister of Canada, from the 1920s through the 1940s. [Wikipedia](#)

**Born:** December 17, 1874, [Kitchener](#)

**Died:** July 22, 1950, [Chelsea](#)

**Party:** [Liberal Party of Canada](#)

**Education:** [Harvard University](#), [University of Toronto](#), [more](#)

**Previous offices:** Prime Minister of Canada (1935–1948), [more](#)

## Quotes

*Where there is little or no public opinion, there is likely to be bad government, which sooner or later becomes autocratic government. Regardless of what one's attitude towards prohibition may be, temperance is something against which, at a time of war, no reasonable protest can be made.*

*The politician's promises of yesterday are the taxes of today.*

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## Educational Activities

Teachers may engage students in some of the following:

1. On chart paper separate the facts provided into the correct true and false category.
2. How did William Lyon Mackenzie King assist Canada in transitioning into a peacetime economy after WW2?
3. Write a reflection regarding why William Lyon Mackenzie King thought that it was important for Canada to establish a good relationship with the United States.
4. Create a poster/bumper sticker/emoji that reflects the current relationship between Canada and the United States
5. Outline William Lyon Mackenzie King's many initiatives on the war against drugs. In your opinion does Canada's new law to legalize marijuana disrespect the work he did previously, why or why not?
6. Write a list of hardships suffered by the average citizen during the great depression and some innovative ways used to deal with these struggles.
7. Why did William Lyon Mackenzie King fight so hard for Canada to become independent from the British Monarch?
8. Compare the attitudes of Canadians towards immigrants during the William Lyon Mackenzie King PM leadership era and today.
9. Construct a pictorial time-line that summarizes what happened during his time in office.
10. Examine Japanese internment camps. Reflect on how you would feel if your family was forced into an internment camp. Do you think these actions were justified at the time? How would you have done things differently? There is a famous Canadian (Dr. David Suzuki) who along with his family, was placed in internment camp in British Columbia. Research and write about his story.
11. Create a poster/powtoon/infogram that highlights William Lyon Mackenzie's King contributions to Canada as a Prime Minister.