



Lester B. Pearson
Liberal
(1963-1968)
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Biography

Lester Bowles "Mike" Pearson PCc OM CC OBE was a Canadian scholar, statesman, soldier and diplomat, who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1957 for organizing the United Nations Emergency Force to resolve the Suez Canal Crisis. [Wikipedia](#)

Born: April 23, 1897, [Newtonbrook, Toronto](#)

Died: December 27, 1972, [Ottawa](#)

Education: [Columbia University](#), [Princeton University](#), [more](#)

Awards: [Nobel Peace Prize](#)

Previous offices: Prime Minister of Canada (1963–1968), [more](#)

Quotes

The grim fact is that we prepare for war like precocious giants, and for peace like retarded pygmies.

Politics is the skilled use of blunt objects.

As a soldier, I survived World War I when most of my comrades did not.

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Educational Activities

Teachers may engage students in some of the following:

1. List personal statistics about Lester B Pearson and his family.
2. Jot down a brainstorming list of ideas that Lester B Pearson may have written while preparing for the United Nations Peacekeeping plan.
3. Use a Venn diagram, to compare the “race free immigration system” that Lester B. Pearson established to the one that is in place today.
4. Explain three significant events that occurred during Lester B Pearson’s time in office and how they impacted society.
5. Write a speech that Lester B Pearson may have given defending his stance against Canada becoming involved in the war against Vietnam.
6. What facts or ideas did Pearson contribute to create change in the legal system regarding equity for women in the Canadian Pension Plan?
7. Construct a pictorial time-line that summarizes what happened during his time in office
8. Discuss as a small group how different Canada may have been had we been involved in the Vietnam War. Record the comments of group members.
9. What inferences about Lester B Pearson’s upbringing do you think impacted his politics?
10. Construct a model/poster of a crest that illustrates some of the accomplishments of the Pearson administration.
11. What qualities does one require to win a Nobel Peace Prize? What did Lester B. Pearson do to win the Nobel Peace Prize?
12. Create a poster/powtoon/infogram that highlights Lester B. Pearson’s contributions to Canada as a Prime Minister.