The Colonial Shift Part I: Colonialism

Part One: The Basics

1. What’s a colony?
2. Who had been coming over to North America since about 1500?
3. Who wanted to start more permanent settlements?
   1. Why did the French want to stay?
4. Who gained control of most of the territory in North America?
   1. Who got Mexico?
   2. Who got Quebec?
5. How did the United States of America become its own country?
6. How did Canada achieve that same goal?
7. Why did relations with Aboriginal peoples shift following Confederation?
8. Why couldn’t Aboriginals trade or make money off of…
   1. Beaver pelts
   2. Bison
   3. Sea otter
   4. Whale oil

Part Two: Slightly Less Basic

1. What’s the difference between being a country and being a colony?
2. Imagine for a moment you are Prime Minister Sir John A. McDonald (first prime minister of Canada). You have an “Aboriginal problem.” Describe that problem and what you think you might do about it. What obstacles can you see in the way of your plan?