

Impact of Scots on the Empire - Source Questions

Higher Homework – 24/10/2017

Source A: from Owen Dudley Edwards, *North America, The Scottish Contribution* (1984).

To think of Canada as Greater Scotland makes little sense in terms of the population—Scots accounted for less than 1/6 of the population in 1871—but it would be hard to find another country where the imprint of the immigrant Scot has been so firmly established on an entire country. Scots dominated Canadian politics. Sir John MacDonald, Glasgow born, was the father of the Canadian Confederation and the first Prime Minister. Scots were also important in the development of journalism with the influential Toronto Globe newspaper founded and ruled by Scotsman George Brown. The Scottish hold on the Canadian imagination is reinforced by the high number of figures of Scottish origin who became legends of the Great Western expansion. The names of Sir Alexander Mackenzie and Simon Fraser are remembered in the Mackenzie and Fraser rivers. Finally, the symbolic achievement in the conquest of the west was achieved when Donald Smith, one of the founders of the Canadian Pacific Railway, completed the railway in a ceremony at Eagle Pass in 1875. The spot was thereafter known as Craigellachie, in memory of where Smith was born in Scotland.

1. How fully does **Source A** explain the impact of Scots emigrants upon the Empire?
Use the **Source and recalled knowledge**

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Marks	What you need to do:	The structure for your answer
ONLY 2 marks awarded to an answer that doesn't make a judgement	MAKE A JUDGEMENT! Decide if source fully describes/explains HINT - no source will ever fully describe/explain.	<i>Source A only partly explains impact of Scots emigrants upon the Empire.</i>
Up to 4 marks	What you need to do: Explain what the source does say/tell you. Do not just quote - you must explain why each point is relevant. Re-write the fact in your own words	The structure for your answer <i>The source says that "Scots dominated Canadian politics. Sir John MacDonald, Glasgow born, was the father of the Canadian Confederation and the first Prime Minister". This explains that many scots made an impact in politics in the countries they emigrated to.</i> <i>Another point the source identifies is...</i> <i>The source also tells us that...</i>
Up to 7 marks	What you need to do: Explain what the source has left out/doesn't tell you. Again you must show that you are making a judgement that it has left information out!	The structure for your answer <i>However, the source does not fully explain the impact of Scots emigrants upon the Empire.</i> <i>Source A fails to describe/explain that...</i> <i>It also doesn't explain that...</i>

Source D: written by David Laing to his sister in Scotland, 19 February, 1873. Laing emigrated from Edinburgh and settled in Canada after he left the army.

Dear Sister, I have read your letter 20 times over since I received it. I am prospering in life now but I am so lonely. My health has not been so good since I arrived on these shores as part of our army all those years ago, but still I must work. The boys are all grown up men and are working on the same railway I do. I was promoted on the first of April, am foreman of a gang of 20 men receiving all the stores and material. We have 86 locomotive engines to keep in repair and 400 miles of rails to keep in good repair so that the produce of this land can reach the ports and then across the world. Our foremen are nearly all Scots and many of the working men also. I fear that without these men there would be no railway, no prosperity and no trade in this part of the world.

3. Evaluate the usefulness of **Source D** the impact of the contribution of Scots to the development of the Empire.

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Marks	What you have to do	The structure for your answer
	Decided useful or not - MAKE A JUDGEMENT	<i>Source A is partly useful as evidence of...</i>
1-4	Decide the extent of the usefulness of source by making a comment on the usefulness of WHO wrote it, WHEN it was written, WHY it was written, TYPE of source	<p><i>The author of the source was...and this useful because...</i></p> <p><i>The source was written/said...and this is useful/less useful because...</i></p> <p><i>The purpose of the source is/was to...this makes it more/less useful because...</i></p> <p><i>The source is a and this makes it more/less useful because....</i></p>
1-2	Explains what useful information that the source has. CONTENT	<i>The source is useful about... as it explains.../The source is useful about...as it tells us.../The source is useful about...as it has information about...</i>
1-3	Explain what the source is not telling us from your own KU OMISSION	<i>However, the source is not as useful as it does not tell us about.../The source has limits in its usefulness as it doesn't explain....</i>