Canadian Confederation Questions

Use the Horizons textbook to answer these questions – pages 100-119

1. What were some of the fears regarding responsible government for the colonies?

2. What were the Corn Laws? What impact did Britain's repeal of the Corn Laws in 1846 have on the Canadian colonies?

3. How did Lord Elgin help move the British North America colonies towards more responsible government? Be sure to identify Elgin and define the Rebellion Losses Bill in your response.

4. Complete the following chart with reasons for and against the British North America colonies joining Confederation.

For Confederation	Against Confederation

5. What groups were not consulted about Confederation?

6. Compare the maps on page 106 and page 45. Provide at least three examples of things that have changed in North America from 1825 to 1866.

Political Party	Location	Leader	Allied with	Beliefs / Policies
Parti Rouge				
Parti Bleu				
Clear Grits				
Tories				

7. Complete the following chart with information about Canada's political parties before Confederation.

8. Complete the following chart with information about possible economic benefits of Confederation.

Benefits	Details
Trade	
Railway	
Ice-Free Port	

9. Why did some people in New Brunswick and Nova Scotia feel they didn't need to join confederation?

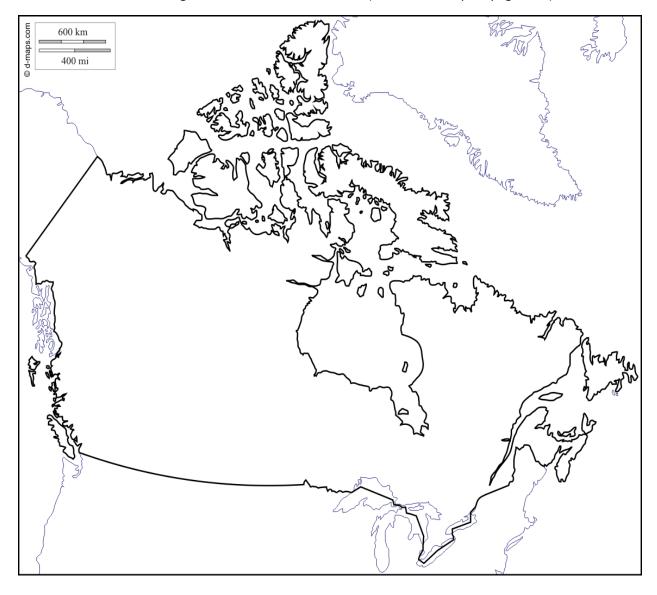
10. For what reasons did people of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia support Confederation?

11. Why were Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland not convinced that Confederation would be good for them?

12. Who were the Fenians? How did they convince people that an American threat was real?

13. What was the original purpose of the Charlottetown Conference? What actually happened?

14. What was the purpose of the Quebec Conference? What did New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, and Canada agree to? What was the British North America Act?



15. Colour and label the original four Provinces of Canada. (Look at the map on page 117.)