

You Be the Judge

People do good things and bad things. Events that seemed simple turn out not to be. We picked just a few examples from the story of Canada. If it were up to you, would you give them a monument? Keep the one they already have? Let them be forgotten? (The questions on p. 6-7 might help you decide.)

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD

HELPED CREATE THE COUNTRY OF CANADA

PUSHED TO BUILD A CROSS-COUNTRY RAILWAY

TOOK THE VOTE AWAY FROM CHINESE CANADIANS

ALLOWED INTENTIONAL STARVING OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLE TO MAKE ROOM FOR SETTLERS AND THE RAILWAY

BANNED POWWOWS, POTLATCHES, SUN DANCES AND OTHER INDIGENOUS CEREMONIES

COMMEMORATED IN: SOOOO MANY PLACES



MARIE-JOSEPH ANGELIQUE

ENSLAVED BLACK WOMAN IN MONTREAL

JAILERS BROKE HER LEGS IN FORCING HER TO CONFESS

USED FIRE TO PROTEST TREATMENT OF ENSLAVED PEOPLE

ARRESTED FOR SETTING A FIRE THAT BURNED ABOUT 50 HOUSES AND A HOSPITAL IN APRIL 1734

HANGED IN JUNE 1734 BY A GOVERNMENT THAT DENIED HUMAN RIGHTS TO BLACK PEOPLE

COMMEMORATED IN: PLACE MARIE-JOSEPH ANGELIQUE IN MONTREAL



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OBWANDIYAG (PONTIAC)

MILITARY LEADER/
CHIEF OF THE
OTTAWA NATION
WHO SAW SETTLERS
TAKING LAND AND
CAUSING SICKNESS

FOUGHT TO PROTECT
INDIGENOUS
TERRITORIES
AFTER BRITAIN
AND FRANCE LEFT
FIRST NATIONS
OUT OF THE PEACE
AGREEMENT

ALLIED WITH THE
FRENCH AGAINST THE
BRITISH DURING THE
SEVEN YEARS' WAR
(1756-63)

BY HIS COURAGE AND
DETERMINATION,
HELPED ENSURE
THE BRITISH SET
ASIDE LAND FOR
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

SENT AWAY BY HIS
OWN VILLAGE AND
EVENTUALLY MURDERED
AFTER AGREEING TO
PEACE WITH BRITAIN
IN 1766

COMMEMORATED IN:
A PARK IN OHIO

GIOVANNI CABOTO (JOHN CABOT)

ITALIAN SAILOR WHO LANDED
IN NEWFOUNDLAND OR
LABRADOR (OR MAYBE CAPE
BRETON) ON A 1497 VOYAGE
PAID FOR BY THE KING OF
ENGLAND

HIS ARRIVAL ALLOWED
BRITAIN TO CLAIM
THE LAND WHERE
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE
WERE ALREADY LIVING

COMMEMORATED IN: STATUE IN
BONAVISTA, N.L., CABOT LANDING
PROVINCIAL PARK, N.S.

PLAINS OF ABRAHAM, QUEBEC CITY

SITE WHERE THE BRITISH
DEFEATED *LES CANADIENS* AND
THEIR FIRST NATIONS ALLIES IN
SEPTEMBER 1759

LED TO THE END OF
FRENCH CONTROL IN WHAT
IS NOW NORTH AMERICA

EMILY MURPHY

FIRST WOMAN
JUDGE IN THE
BRITISH EMPIRE,
EDMONTON, 1916

HELPED WOMEN
WIN EQUALITY
AND THE RIGHT
TO VOTE

BELIEVED THAT
LESS INTELLIGENT
PEOPLE AND OTHERS
SHOULDN'T BE
ALLOWED TO HAVE
KIDS

BLAMED CHINESE
AND BLACK
CANADIANS FOR
ILLEGAL DRUG
PROBLEMS

COMMEMORATED
IN: THE FAMOUS
FIVE MONUMENT
ON PARLIAMENT
HILL, OTTAWA



INUIT RELOCATION

IN THE 1950S, GOVERNMENT
FORCED INUIT FAMILIES FROM
NORTHERN QUEBEC TO MOVE

INUIT FAMILIES WERE
SEPARATED; SOME INUIT
STARVED

PROMISED THEY COULD
RETURN IF THEY WERE
UNHAPPY, BUT BROKE
THE PROMISE

COMMEMORATED IN: CARVED MONUMENTS IN GRISE
FIORD AND RESOLUTE BAY, NUNAVUT



Alamy, Nurazzah Nurazzah Inc.

JOSHUA MAUGER

OWNED AND SOLD
ENSLAVED BLACK
PEOPLE

IMPORTANT HALIFAX SHIP-
OWNER AND BUSINESSMAN
IN THE MID-1700S



HELPED SETTLERS GET LAND
(WƏLASTƏKWIIYIK TERRITORY)
IN NEW BRUNSWICK

COMMEMORATED IN:
THE COMMUNITY OF
MAUGERVILLE, N.B.



MATTHEW BEGGIE

JUDGE WHO BROUGHT
BRITISH LAW TO B.C.
IN THE 1850S AND
WROTE MANY OF THE
NEW PROVINCE'S
RULES

CRITICIZED RACIST
ANTI-CHINESE LAWS

SENTENCED FIVE TSILHQOT'IN
CHIEFS TO DEATH FOR KILLING
MEMBERS OF A CREW BUILDING
A ROAD THROUGH TSILHQOT'IN
TERRITORY

COMMEMORATED IN: MOUNT BEGGIE, B.C.

CHARLOTTE WHITTON

ELECTED FIRST
FEMALE MAYOR OF A
BIG CANADIAN CITY
IN OTTAWA, 1951

DISLIKED
NON-BRITISH
IMMIGRANTS,
ESPECIALLY JEWS



HELPED FORM THE
CANADIAN COUNCIL
ON CHILD WELFARE
TO HELP KIDS

OPPOSED
BILINGUALISM

COMMEMORATED
IN: OTTAWA
STREET NAMES

