

The Development of the Welfare State

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For many, the Depression changed the expectations they had of the government and the role it should play in the lives of citizens. As a result, many influences, recommendations, and developments would reshape Canada. Between the years of 1931 and 1982, Canada became a welfare state. In this assignment you will research and create descriptions, and identify if ideas presented are historical influences, recommendations, or developments. You will describe the significance and role each played in shaping Canada, and the reasoning behind your decision. Refer to pages 331–334 in *Shaping Canada* to complete this handout.

Definitions:

Influence: a shaping force that caused something to occur, often without any direct or apparent effort

Recommendation: an advisement of a specific course of action that explored the benefits or drawbacks associated with an action or process

Development: a plan of action that was intentionally carried out or adopted by an individual or social group

EXAMPLE: The Great Depression

a) Description: The Great Depression was an economic crisis beginning with the stock market crash in 1929 and continuing through the 1930s throughout the world creating mass unemployment.

b) This is a/an: Influence Recommendation Development (circle one)

c) Explain the reasoning for your choice:

The Depression was an event that caused significant changes to the lifestyles of many people and how they functioned within society. It influenced people in many different ways, often changing the course of their lives and the lives of generations to come. In this sense, it is an influence.



1. The Report on Social Security for Canada (Marsh Report)

a) Description: _____

b) This is a/an: Influence Recommendation Development (circle one)

c) Explain the reasoning for your choice:

2. Old Age Income

a) Description: _____

b) This is a/an: Influence Recommendation Development (circle one)

c) Explain the reasoning for your choice:

3. Medicare

a) Description: _____

b) This is a/an: Influence Recommendation Development (circle one)

c) Explain the reasoning for your choice:



4. Unemployment Insurance

a) Description: _____

b) This is a/an: Influence Recommendation Development (circle one)

c) Explain the reasoning for your choice:

5. The Family Allowance Program

a) Description: _____

b) This is a/an: Influence Recommendation Development (circle one)

c) Explain the reasoning for your choice:

