



Student worksheet 1: Examining the premise

1. As a group, discuss the validity of the following premise: Ontario and Quebec were the Canadian leaders in manufacturing at the time of Confederation and they maintained their dominance well into the 20th century.

Reasons we think the premise is correct or incorrect

2. From the statistics provided in the editions of the *Canada Year Book* listed below, choose four years to examine and explain why each is a good choice. Be sure to include a range of years: shortly after Confederation, around the turn of the 20th century, the 1920s or 1930s, and close to the middle of the 20th century. Then choose at least four criteria for data collection, such as number of workers or value of goods produced.

Take a few moments in your group to browse through the tables and discuss appropriate years and criteria, noting that for some criteria or years or provinces/regions, data may be lacking. Find the years and criteria that will provide the most complete datasets for your group to use to support or refute the hypothesis. Divide the workload so that each person searches for data for one of your group's chosen years and completes the worksheet for that year. Provide reasons why these criteria will help you defend or refute the premise.

Sources:

Canada Year Book 1927/1928, pages 407 to 409.

Canada Year Book 1947, pages 511 to 512.

Years chosen and why

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

Four criteria chosen and why

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3. Fill in the years and criteria you chose in Step 2 and record your data. Note that you are recording data collected by regions, so you must combine data of provinces and territories.

Comparison of manufacturing by regions of Canada, 1870 to 1945			
Year (a): _____			
Criteria	Ontario and Quebec	Maritime provinces	Western provinces and territories

Comparison of manufacturing by regions of Canada, 1870 to 1945			
Year (b): _____			
Criteria	Ontario and Quebec	Maritime provinces	Western provinces and territories

Comparison of manufacturing by regions of Canada, 1870 to 1945			
Year (c): _____			
Criteria	Ontario and Quebec	Maritime provinces	Western provinces and territories

Comparison of manufacturing by regions of Canada, 1870 to 1945			
Year (d): _____			
Criteria	Ontario and Quebec	Maritime provinces	Western provinces and territories

4. Examine and compare the data you have collected and then draw conclusions about the validity of the hypothesis for each of the criteria. **How does each of the criteria chosen affect the validity of the hypothesis?**

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5. State your group's conclusion and prepare to support it in class by recording at least four pieces of statistical data that will substantiate your conclusion.

Conclusion

Four pieces of statistical data that back up our conclusion

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