



Student worksheet 2: The Post Office

I read, I think, therefore...

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Before Confederation

- The delivery of mail first began as a courier service among Québec (the city), Trois-Rivières and Montréal as early as 1703. As roads were built, the courier services expanded.

1867 to 1920

The Canadian Post Office was created in 1867. In 1890, the net revenue of the Post Office Department was \$_____. By 1916, the net revenue of the Post Office grew to \$_____. Mail travelled by railway, stage coach and water.

Canada Year Book 1916/1917, Table 69, page 487.

1921 to 1967

By 1965, there were _____ post offices in service. By this time, almost all mail travelled by _____ but some mail was delivered by air as well.

Canada Year Book 1967, page 889, last paragraph.

In 1965, the net revenue of the Post Office Department was \$_____.
Canada Year Book 1967, Table 10, page 890.

I think

Give your thoughts about the development of mail service in Canada. Compare methods of mail travel that were used at different times in the 1900s. In your own words, describe the appearance of and increase in mail service in Canada.

Therefore

Sum up your thoughts and draw at least one important conclusion about whether or not the government's goal to connect all Canadians was met.
