# 3E: Big Decisions in the late 1970s & early 1980s



#### **Lesson Focus Questions**

- How did Canadian society change from 1980 to the present?
- How did Canada respond to new challenges to federalism?

**Main Reference:** Cranny, M., Moles, G. (2010). *Counterpoints: Exploring Canadian Issues*. Toronto: Pearson.

**Reading:** Ch. 7 p. 230-236 and Ch. 8 p. 257-264 (try to read through first)

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**Teacher Presentation:** Keynote 22

**Image:** Pierre Trudeau and Jean Chrétien at one of the sessions of the 1981 Constitutional talks.

**Source:** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patriation

Keynote, Classroom, or Video Notes?

#### **Background Question:**

1. What did Trudeau mean in 1968 when he said "Canada must be a just society"?

Vietnam War and Canada on the World Stage. Answer the following questions... use Counterpoints p. 230-236 or other sources to support your responses.

2. What was the Vietnam War about? Canada's involvement in the Vietnam War?

3. How did Pierre Trudeau change Canada's involvement on the world stage?
4. Should Canada's foreign policy be independent from the United States?
What do you already know about Quebec Nationalism? Take notes if you are sure about these topics:
5. The Quiet Revolution
6. Expo 67 "Vivre le Quebec Libre"
7. FLQ crisis / Ocitboer Crisis (1970)
8. Who was elected premier of Quebec in 1976 what was his political party called? Why was this significant?

## The 1980s -- Questions

9. What was *patriation* and why did Trudeau want it? (p. 257)

- 10. Explain the two choices faced by Quebec in the 1980 referendum. What is the difference between *sovereignty association* and *distinct society*? What was the outcome? (p. 257)
- 11. What issues had to be resolved in order to patriate the constitution? (p. 258-259)

12. What was the outcome? In particular, explain the new *amending formula* and the *notwithstanding clause* that came out of the "*Kitchen Accord*." (p. 258-259)

### **Another Big Event in 1980!**

Image: Terry Fox in action as he runs along a street during his Marathon of Hope

Source: http://www.pc.gc.ca/culture/vancouver2010/page2/terryfox.aspx

Read the piece on Terry Fox on p. 249 in Counterpoints

His goal was to raise \$21 million, one dollar for every Canadian. The Terry Fox Organization has now raised over \$600 million.

13. Why do you think his goal has been surpassed so dramatically?



Read the "Defending a Position" section on p. 260/261. Thinking this through would be a good way to review what you know about Quebec Nationalism. Use this space to respond, if you like, or include any additional notes you would like for your unit test (covers lessons 3A-3E)