

Causes of Confederation

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Factor 1: Population Boom

1. Define population boom.
2. What was the Great Migration? How did it contribute to ability for Canada to become an independent nation?
3. What was the Irish Potato Famine?
4. Why were they called "coffin ships"?

Factor 2: American Threat

1. How did fear of an American Invasion lead to Confederation?
2. Define Manifest Destiny and explain its significance
3. Who were the Fenians?
4. How did the Fenian Raids contribute to Confederation?

Factor 3: Political Factors

1. How did Act of Union create political deadlock?
2. How was Confederation caused by these two political factors?
3. Who were the important political leaders in British North America? Why did they work together?

Factor 4: Economic Factors

1. How are railroads and Confederation linked?
2. How did rail transform the world?