



Francis I

King of France when Canada was first claimed as a territory. He encouraged exploration to the New World and personally financed the voyage of Jacques Cartier.



Henry III

Encouraged the development and exploration of New France. He built fortresses and sent strong men to consolidate the French hold in the New World.



Henry IV

With his encouragement and financial backing the first two colonies of French immigrants were established in Canada.



Louis XIII

Organized administration of colony of New France. Nearly lost New France to England in 1629, but got it back through treaty. Montreal was founded during this reign.



Louis XIV

Supported the growth of New France and decreed a new civil code to rule the colony. Later this code would become the Quebec Civil Code.

The Peace of Montreal was signed in his name.



Louis XV

Lost Acadia to Britain, then the rest of Canada in the Seven Years War.



George III

Granted the aboriginal people rights by treaty.

Protected the Canadian provinces from the Americans during two wars when the Canadians remained faithful to the crown.



George IV

Canadian population grew rapidly under this peaceful reign. The economy diversified into industry, banking, and other enterprises. Universities were founded and canals and public works built.



William IV

The first monarch to actually visit Canada. More people were granted the right to vote under this leadership. The 1837 rebellions broke out in the final year of this reign.



Victoria

Led Canada peacefully toward greater independence and self rule on the advice of Lord Durham. Approved the *British North America Act* of 1867.



Edward VII

Personally laid the cornerstones of the original parliament buildings in Ottawa. The prairie provinces joined the dominion during this reign and confirmed Canada as a single nation stretch from the Atlantic to the Pacific.



George V

Led Canada into the Great War after which Canada signed the Treaty of Versailles in its own right, its first international act as an independent country.

Instated the maple leaf as the symbol of Canada as well as red and white as the national colours.



Edward VIII

Served as monarch for less than a year. During that time inaugurated the Canadian national memorial on Vimy Ridge in honor of the 60,000 Canadian soldiers who died during WWI.



George VI

Reigned during WWII when Canada declared war just days after Great Britain.

Oversaw even greater independence for Canada including complete independence of the courts and Canadian citizenship rather than British subjects for citizens.



Elizabeth II

Visited Canada 22 times, more than any other monarch.

Oversaw the Constitution Act of 1982, the culmination of full patriation for Canada.