

## Background Information

### Sample Thesis Statements

<b>List A</b>	<b>List B</b>
1. Despite his failure to establish a republic in Upper Canada, William Lyon Mackenzie is one of the most important political figures of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century.	1. Elizabeth I of England, who ruled from 1556 to 1603, enjoyed one of the longest reigns of any British monarch.
2. Considering the treaties signed in the 18 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> centuries, the First Nations land claims must be recognized by the government of Canada.	2. China is a very rich and ancient civilization.
3. Canadian immigration policies at the beginning of the 20 <sup>th</sup> century were clearly discriminatory and reflected racist attitudes that existed at the time.	3. The medieval feudal system served a variety of purposes and had both its good and bad points.
4. Louis Riel was a heroic figure who should be celebrated in Canadian history. His hanging was a great injustice.	4. Over a decade after fleeing to the United States, Louis Riel returned to the Canadian West to lead a second Métis Resistance, after which he was hanged.
5. The vitality of Francophone communities is facing a great threat from the influx of English language movies, music and magazines.	5. Ancient Egypt sprung to life along the banks of the Nile. Over a span of several thousand years the Egyptians created buildings and works of art.