

Process Paper

For spring break last year we went to Quebec City on vacation. While there, we visited a museum that had a great deal of information on Quebec history. In the museum, we visited an exhibit on the Quiet Revolution and we were able to learn more about this time period. This topic continued to interest us, so we decided to research more. We were curious to learn more about a topic we knew little about, yet happened next door to us. We found that the topic had a strong connection to the History Day theme this year, Conflict and Compromise, and decided to choose the topic for our project.

We started our research by reading, *A People's History of Quebec*, by Jacques Lacoursiere and Robin Philpot, which was able to give us a more in-depth understanding of the full history of Quebec, including a considerable amount of information on the Quiet Revolution. We studied more about this topic and we able to find more government documents, articles, and websites. We visited the East Side Freedom Library many times and were able to receive a lot of good help and research tips. We were also able to attend a Hullabaloo at Wilson Library on the University of Minnesota campus. While at Wilson Library, we found many Quebec and Canadian newspapers dating from the 1960s. We were also able to find many books including memoirs and books written during the Quiet Revolution. A key resource we found helpful was the CBC, Canadian Broadcasting Corporation, digital archives. On this website we were able to find old footage from the 1960s and interviews with people key to the Quiet Revolution. We contacted many professors and some people who lived through the Quiet Revolution. Although we received responses from only two of them, they gave us very good information and stories of their personal experience.

We chose to do a documentary after watching a few History Day documentaries. We thought that by creating a documentary we would be able to use more creativity and try out something we had never really done before. We have enjoyed being able to do a bit of everything while making our documentary and challenging ourselves to try out different things in the process.

The Quiet Revolution was a time of advocacy for French language rights and modernization in Quebec's government and greater Canada. During the 1960s and 70s, conflict over French rights, education, government secularization, and openings for French Canadians in higher skilled jobs took place. As a result of this time of conflict, bills were passed such as Bill 101, making education in Quebec in French, and the Official Language Rights Act, which made Canada a bilingual country. The Quiet Revolution led from conflict over French rights to new laws strengthening French culture, higher skilled jobs, and education for people all across Quebec. These compromises helped to keep Canada as one and are impacting the economy and French culture in Quebec today.