The Life and Times of the Right Honourable Sir Wilfrid Laurier

November 20, 1841	Born in St. Lin, Canada East
1864	Earned his law degree from McGill University
1866-1867	Ran the newspaper Le Défricheur in Arthabasca
1868	Married Zoé Lafontaine (1841-1921)
1869-1878	Ensign, Arthabasca Infantry
1871-1874	Liberal member of the National Assembly for the Quebec riding of Drummond-Arthabasca (provincial)
1874-1877	Member of the House of Commons for the riding of Drummond-Arthabasca
1877-1919	Member of the House of Commons for the riding of Québec-Est
1877-1878	Minister of Inland Revenue
1887-1919	Leader of the Liberal Party of Canada
1887-1896	Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons
June 23, 1896	Elected Prime Minister of Canada
1896-1911	Served as Prime Minister of Canada (Re-elected in 1900, 1904 and 1908)
September 21, 1911	Defeated by the Conservative Party of Robert L. Borden
1911-1919	Leader of the Opposition in the House of Commons
1917	Defeated in the general election by Robert Borden's Unionist Party
February 17, 1919	Died in Ottawa (Buried in Notre Dame Cemetery, Ottawa)

During Laurier's years as Prime Minister ...

1896	Adoption of the regulations on the Manitoba Schools Question
1898	Creation of the Yukon Territory
1899-1902	Canadian participation in the South African War
1900	Formation of the Department of Labour
1903	Alaska Boundary Dispute
1903	Construction of the second transcontinental railway
1905	Creation of the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta
1909	Formation of the Department of External Affairs
1910	Naval Service Bill