

### CLB 3-Reading-Famous Canadians-Sir John A. Macdonald - A Founding Father



Sir John A. Macdonald was one of Canada's founding fathers. He was also Canada's first prime minister. Sir John A. Macdonald is often called one of the "Fathers of Confederation" because he played a big role in creating Canada as a country.

He was born in Scotland in 1815 and moved to Canada at the age of 5. He finished school at the age of 15. He wanted to become a writer, but his family had financial hardships. Even though he was just a boy, he began working with a lawyer in Kingston. At the age of 17, he opened his law office. In the mid-1800s, Macdonald took an interest in politics.

In 1867, Canada became a country, and Sir John A. Macdonald became its first Prime Minister. As Prime Minister, he worked hard to bring different parts of Canada together and make them into one nation.

One of the things Sir John A. Macdonald is famous for is building the Canadian Pacific Railway. This railway helped people travel from the east to the west of Canada more easily. It connected different parts of the country and made Canada stronger.

Sir John A. Macdonald was a leader for a long time, and he faced many challenges. People remember him for his contributions to building Canada into the country it is today.

1. Where was Sir John A. Macdonald born?

- a) Canada
- b) Scotland
- c) England

2. Why is Sir John A. Macdonald called one of the "Fathers of Confederation"?

- a) Because he was a famous explorer
- b) Because he played a big role in creating Canada
- c) Because he was a great artist

3. How old was John A. Macdonald when he finished school?

- a. at age 15                      b. at age 5                      c. in 1815

4. What jobs did Macdonald have in his lifetime?

- a. lawyer      b. politician      c. Prime Minister      d. all of the above

5. What happened in 1867?

- a) Canada became a country
- b) Sir John A. Macdonald was born
- c) The Canadian Pacific Railway was built

6. What was one of Sir John A. Macdonald's famous achievements?

- a) Building the Canadian Pacific Railway
- b) Writing a famous book
- c) Being a writer

7. Canada's Pacific Railway help to connect Canada's east to west.

- a. True      b. False

8. Sir John A. Macdonald was the first Prime Minister of Canada.

- a) True
- b) False