**Written Response: Laurier’s compromises**

Wilfrid Laurier (1896 – 1911) was a liberal, French Canadian Prime Minister determined to strengthen the position of Canada within the British Empire, and impress upon her peoples the importance of national unity. When faced with major decisions he tried to find the solution that best suited everyone and was known for his fondness for compromise.

**On a separate sheet of paper,** write a paragraph or multi paragraph response that answers the following question.

Did Laurier’s compromises help or hinder the quest for “national unity”?

Give evidence, use discussion notes, lecture slides and the textbook to support your answer

Your response needs to show the following things:

* A strong position on whether Laurier helped or hindered national unity.
* Offers clear arguments about the effects of the compromises, and these arguments should be supported by convincing evidence.
* The conclusions drawn should be highly plausible in light of the evidence provided.
* Response reveals an excellent understanding of the historical events that took place.

**Assessment rubric**

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|  | **Outstanding** | **Very good** | **Competent** | **Satisfactory** | **In-progress** |
| **Clear arguments supported with evidence** | Arguments are very clearly presented and thoroughly supported with very convincing evidence. | Arguments are clearly presented and well supported by the evidence, only a minor gaps or unaddressed issues. | Arguments are quite clear and consistent with the evidence provided, but key issues are inadequately addressed. | Arguments are somewhat clear and some evidence is offered. | No clear arguments are presented and the evidence is largely irrelevant or missing. |
| **Offers plausible conclusions** | The conclusions are highly plausible and highly justifiable in light of the evidence provided. | The conclusions are clearly plausible and justifiable in light of the evidence provided. | The conclusions are plausible and somewhat justifiable in light of the evidence provided | The conclusions are plausible but are barely justifiable given the evidence provided. | The conclusions are implausible and not justifiable given the evidence provided. |
| **Written response reveals an excellent understanding of the events in Red River** | Response reveals an excellent understanding of the events that took place in Red River. | Response reveals a good understanding of the events that took place in Red River. | Response reveals a competent understanding of the events that took place in Red River. | Response reveals a satisfactory understanding of the events that took place in Red River. | Response reveals minimal understanding of the events that took place in Red River. |