

HIS311- March 10, 2016



Prime Ministers & Presidents

Understanding CA-US relations

ANNCMT: ESSAYS

- NEW Due date: March 24th in class!
- Things to look out for...
 - a clear & argumentative thesis
 - coherent & logical structure
 - in-depth research (primary & secondary)
 - judicious & engaging writing style
 - relevance to HIS311 (CDN EXT Relations)
 - Chicago style for citation
 - *Additional office hours available for qns*

Canada-US Relations: Sunny ways?



Significance of the visit

- first Canadian state visit to the US in 19 years
- Renewal of “special relationship”?
- two leaders who came to power as fresh, charismatic liberal darlings with star power
- Progressive vision of governing, use of multilateral tools & commitment to diversity.
- Contentious issues (Softwood lumber, fighter jets, etc)

State Dinner @the White House



What's on the table?

- Focus on energy, security, climate change and trade along an 8,850km border
- About \$2 billion worth of goods & 400,000 people cross the border each day.
- About 75% of Canada's exports go to the US. Canada is the top export destination for 33 US states.
- Obama on his way out, Trudeau's new term

Style & Substance: CA-US relations

“Geography has made us neighbors. History has made us friends. Economics has made us partners. And necessity has made us allies.”

- President JFK



Key questions to consider *EXAM

- **To what extent do personalities and personal relationships matter in Canadian-American relations?** (style and substance)
 - Geostrategic realities (esp post-WWI~)
 - Politics, diplomacy & multilateral engagements
 - Historic & cultural ties
 - Trade & economics
 - Immigration & people-to-people ties
 - Shared values & interests & vision

(video) “In Bed with an Elephant”

