

Canon van Vlaanderen
Overview windows

	Eye-catcher	Theme	Focus point 1	Focus point 2
1	A Place on the Planet 12,000 years ago, Prehistory	A Hub for People and Goods	A Region of Towns	Working with Water
2	Neanderthals in the Valley of the Meuse c. 500,000 - 33,000 years ago, Prehistory	The Earliest Traces of Human Habitation	Landscape and Climate Change in Prehistory	Early Technology
3	The Settlement of Rosmeer c. 5,300 - 4,590 BC, Prehistory	The First Farmers	House-Building	Migration
4	Celts on the Kemmelberg c. 800 - 500 BC, Prehistory	Celtic Centralisation of Power	Inter-Regional Exchange	Technology in the Iron Age
5	Tongeren, a Roman Town c. 10 BC - 400 AD, Classical Antiquity	Romanisation of the Low Countries	The Boulogne-Cologne Road	Carausius. The Emperor in the North
6	Charlemagne c. 747 – 814, Middle Ages	The Franks	Pagus Flandrensis, from Flanders District to County of Flanders	The Spread of Christianity
7	Hebban olla vogala End of 11th century, Middle Ages	Traces of the Earliest Dutch	The Limits of Dutch	Latin, French and Dutch

8	The Windmill of Wormhout c. 1183, Middle Ages	Innovation in Agriculture	Population Growth and Urbanisation	Agricultural Innovation in the 18th and 19th Centuries
9	The Lost Harbours of the Zwin c. 1100 – 1500, Middle Ages	Bruges, Linked to the Sea	Bruges, ‘Cradle of Capitalism’	Bruges, Metropolis
10	Towns on the Map of Al-Idrisi c. 1154, Middle Ages	Contacts with the Muslim World	Islamic Inspiration for Christian Thinkers	A Flemish Monk in Mongolia
11	Béguinages 13th century, Middle Ages	Women Join Forces	New Forms of Faith	The Mystical Tradition
12	Reynard the Fox c. 1260, Middle Ages	Literature in the Vernacular	A Popular Fox	From Reynard the Fox to Road Runner
13	1302 1302, Middle Ages	Social Revolutions in the Towns of Flanders and Brabant	The Medieval Cloth Industry	The Importance of the Craft Guilds
14	The Adoration of the Mystic Lamb by the Van Eyck Brothers 1432, Middle Ages	Medieval Iconography	Van Eyck: an Optical Revolution	The ‘Flemish Primitives’
15	The Battle of Gavere 1453, Middle Ages	The Burgundians	The Burgundian Court	The Great Privilege
16	The Bayard Steed of Dendermonde At the latest 1460, Middle Ages	Processions and Parades	The Holy Blood Procession of Bruges	Giants

17	The Mechelen Choir Book c. 1515, Early Modern Period	Polyphonic Music in the Low Countries	The Court of Margaret of Austria	'My Heart Always Feels Longing' by Pierre de la Rue
18	Erasmus c. 1469 – 1536, Early Modern Period	Humanism	Protestantism	Printing
19	Pedro de Gante c. 1480 – 1572, Early Modern Period	Europeans in a 'New World'	A Cruel System of Overseas Exploitation	Flemings in the Azores
20	Mad Meg 1563, Early Modern Period	Pieter Bruegel the Elder and the Renaissance	Women in the Art World	The Influence of Print-Making
21	The Iconoclastic Fury 1566, Early Modern Period	Civil War in the Low Countries	Calvinist Republics in the South	The Fall of Antwerp and the Division of the Low Countries
22	Simon Stevin 1548 – 1620, Early Modern Period	A Scientific Lens	The Lens of Doctor Vesalius	The Lens of the Cartographer Mercator
23	Cathelyne Van den Bulcke ? – 1590, Early Modern Period	Witch Trials in Europe	Imaginary Crimes in Uncertain Times	From Gossip to the Stake
24	The Adoration of the Magi 1624, Early Modern Period	Rubens and the Baroque	Rubens as an Inspiration: Anthony van Dyck and Jacob Jordaens	Clara Peeters
25	The Bombardment of Brussels 1695, Early Modern Period	Wars in the Spanish-Habsburg Netherlands	France Realigns its Northern Border	The Grand-Place of Brussels

26	Empress Maria Theresia 1717-1780, Early Modern Period	Enlightenment in Europe	The Reforms of Joseph II	The Brabant Revolution
27	The Mule Jenny c. 1800, Modern Period	The Advent of Machines and Factories	Lieven Bauwens Turns Ghent into a 'Second Manchester'	Cockerill and Heavy Industry in Wallonia
28	The Napoleonic Code 1804, Modern Period	The French Period	Separation of Church and State	Resistance to the Revolution: the Peasants' War
29	A Liberal Constitution 1830-1831, Modern Period	Belgium Independent	Compromise between Liberals and Catholics	Far-reaching Political Freedoms
30	The First Train Journey 1835, Modern Period	The Railway Opens Up the Country	To Work on the Train	Decline and Comeback
31	The Lion of Flanders 1838, Modern Period	Hendrik Conscience and the Flemish Movement	Flanders, an 'Imagined Community'	(Il)literate
32	The Potato Crisis 1845-1847, Modern Period	'Poor Flanders'	The Potato Revolution	Migrants from Flanders
33	The Opening-Up of the Scheldt 1863, Modern Period	Antwerp, Gateway to the World	Red Star Line and Congo Boat	Limits to growth
34	Emilie Claeys 1855-1943, Modern Period	The 'Social Question' in the 19th Century	Resistance through Association	The First Social Protection
35	Christ's Entry into Brussels in 1889 by James Ensor 1888-1889, Modern Period	Innovation in the Visual Arts	Social Engagement	Constant Permeke and Flemish Expressionism

36	Bloodbath in Leuven 1902, Modern Period	Fighting for the Vote	Female Suffrage: a Long Road Full of Obstacles	Can Young Adults and Newcomers Vote Too?
37	Marie Belpaire 1853-1948, Modern Period	Girls Go to School	Isala Van Diest: the First Woman Doctor	Virginie Loveling's Sharp Pen
38	Three Crowing Cocks 1910, Modern Period	The Flemish Movement and the Language Struggle	Ghent University becomes Dutch-Speaking	August Vermeylen: Fleming and Citizen of the World
39	The Tour of Flanders 1913, Modern Period	The Land of the Road Race	Briek Schotte, from Farmer's Son to Cycling Hero	From the Elite to the Masses: Sport in Flanders
40	Paul Panda Farnana 1888-1930, Modern Period	Congo, Conquered and Colonised	The Self-Declared Civilising Mission	Lumumba and the End of Colonialism
41	Grieving Parents by Käthe Kollwitz 1914-1918, Modern Period	The First World War	Refugees	Commemorating the War
42	Multicultural Mining Villages 1901-1992, Modern Period	Coal in Limburg	'Guest Workers'	The Decline of the Coal Industry
43	Jozef Cardijn's Youth Movement 1920s – , Modern Period	Pillarisation and Secularisation	Youth Movements Then and Now	Youth Houses
44	Our Cookbook 1927-, Modern Period	Culinary Canons	A Changing Eating Culture	Fasting

45	The Yser Tower 1930, Modern Period	The Legacy of the First World War	Flanders Becomes Monolingual	Swing to the Right
46	The Drama of Meensel-Kiezegem 1940-1945, Modern Period	The Second World War	Collaboration	Resistance
47	The Dossin Barracks 1940-1945, Modern Period	The Persecution of the Jews during the Second World War	The Complicity of Local Authorities	The Jewish Community during the Occupation
48	The Social Pact 1944, Modern Period	Social Security and the Welfare State	Trades Unions and Employers Become Social Partners	Current Challenges for the Welfare State
49	Ribbon Development 1948, Present Period	Spatial Planning in Flanders	The Garden Suburbs, Surrounded by Green	The Braem Blocks: Social Housing
50	Paula Sémer 1925-2021, Present Period	Television as a Window on the World	Public Broadcasting	Commercial Television
51	The Oostakker Poems by Hugo Claus 1955, Present Period	Artistic Renewal after 1945	The Professionalisation of Theatre and Film	Oostakker, the Flemish Lourdes
52	The Pill 1961, Present Period	Sexual Revolution and Women's Rights	Ferdinand Peeters and Catholic Morality	Abortion Comes Out of the Shadows

53	Le plat pays of Jacques Brel 1962, Present Period	French-Language Culture in Flanders	Tijl Uilenspiegel	Emile Verhaeren's Toute la Flandre
54	The Establishment of the Language Border 1962-1963, Present Period	Belgium Becomes a Federal State	Flanders, More than Cultural Autonomy	Brussels, Super-Diverse
55	Steel in Flanders 1967, Present Period	Economic Growth in the Sixties	Foreign Capital and Foreign Workers	Flanders Technology International
56	Rock Werchter 1975–, Present Period	Festival Culture	Wannes Van de Velde	New Beat
57	The Euro 2002, Present Period	European Integration	New Links with Central and Eastern Europe	Brussels, European Capital
58	Same-Sex Marriage 2003, Present Period	LGBTQ+, from Discrimination to Emancipation	Sodomy, a Biblical Sin	LGBTQ+ Pioneers
59	Goesting 2004, Present Period	A Standard Language for Flanders	The ABN Offensive	Ewa drerrie
60	The World in Flanders 2012, Present Period	The World in Flanders	Globalisation and Interconnectedness	Diversity