

“A Lament for Confederation” Vocabulary

Abundance- The state or condition of having a large quantity of something; plentifulness.
Centenary- The hundredth anniversary of a significant event.
Confederation- A historical event in 1867 when various British colonies joined together to form Canada.
Custom- A way of behaving or doing something that is specific to a particular society, place, or time.
Dominate- Have a commanding influence on; exercise control over.
Humble- Not thinking of yourself as better than other people.
Lament- A passionate expression of grief or sorrow.
Reserve- An area of land set aside, especially (in the US and Canada) for American or Canadian Indians.
Roam- Move about or travel aimlessly or unsystematically, especially over a wide area.
Spirit- The nonphysical part of a person which is the seat of emotions and character; the soul.

Braves- (old-fashioned:) First Nations warriors.

Fire-water- Strong alcoholic liquor.

Seelanum- A Salish word meaning lunar months.

Thunderbird- A mythical bird which, according to an Indian legend, created thunder in a struggle with a whale.