

Changes Come to the Prairies: I Can Statements

1. I can describe contributions made by Aboriginal peoples to the development of Canada.
2. I can evaluate the rationale for the numbered treaties and their impact on First Nations and the Metis.
3. I can identify causes and key events of the Northwest Uprising.
4. I can assess the impact of Macdonald's National Policy on Canada.
5. I can describe the events surrounding the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway and analyze its importance to the development of the Canadian West.
6. I can assess factors that led to the expansion of Canada, including the national railway and sea-to-sea unification.
7. I can define the following key terms:
 - Scrip: a piece of paper that could be used to certify possession of land or be exchanged for money.
 - North West Mounted Police (NWMP): Canada's national police force, now called the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP).
 - Paramilitary: a force that operates like the army but is not part of it.
 - Threshing: the process of separating grain from stalks or husks; the steam-powered threshing machine saved time and labour.
 - Indian Act: an act created to regulate the lives of the First Nations of Canada.
 - Metis Bill of Rights: a document that outlined grievances of the Metis and others in the North-West Territories.
 - Canadian Pacific Railway (CPR): Canada's first transcontinental railway.
 - Northwest Uprising: a series of battles in 1885 between the Metis and the Canadian forces, brought about by the Metis' attempts to gain recognition of their land rights.
 - Secede: to formally withdraw from an alliance or a federal union.
 - National Policy: a mainly economic program introduced by the Macdonald government in 1879.