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Due Date:

Debate

Louis Riel, a man considered a hero by his people, was hanged on November 16th 1885, for high treason. Many years later, our class is revisiting this event. Why? - Because it is still controversial. You will experience the controversy during your debate, which will bring history to life - and your fresh eyes to the issues. Perhaps you will have something new to say. With a small group (of three to four students), choose one of the topics below and work cooperatively with your group members to direct a debate. While planning your debate, be sure to conduct research to determine what arguments and evidence (details, quotes, statistics etc.) support your point of view. Just as important, you should anticipate and research your opposition's counter-arguments in order to be prepared to provide a response. Everyone is responsible for researching, supporting, and defending their team's arguments and pointing out areas of disagreement with opposing groups. One final mark will be given to all group members.

Choose one of the following debate topics:
 - Was Louis Riel a hero or a traitor to Canada?
 - Was Louis Riel right or wrong to execute Thomas Scott?
 - Was the Canadian Government right or wrong to execute Louis Riel?

			
	Emerging / Developing	Proficient	Extending
Significance		Assesses significance with a broad and clear understanding.	
Evidence		Evaluates evidence to select a wide range of credible supporting material.	
Cause & Consequence		Analyzes cause and consequence with accurate and detailed reasoning.	
Ethical Judgement		Communicates an ethical judgement in a meaningful and purposeful manner.	

Self-Assessment:

Teacher-Assessment:

