

The Northwest From 1800 to 1870 Questions

Use the Horizons textbook to answer these questions – pages 138-140

1. What reasons were there for the decline of the fur trade?

2. By 1810, a large number of Metis had settled in the Red River Valley. Where was this located?

3. Why did the Metis establish a farming community in the Red River Valley?

4. What did the Metis use bison meat and hides for?

5. What is pemmican and what was it used for?

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6. Who were the Selkirk settlers, where did they come from, and why did they come to the Red River Valley?

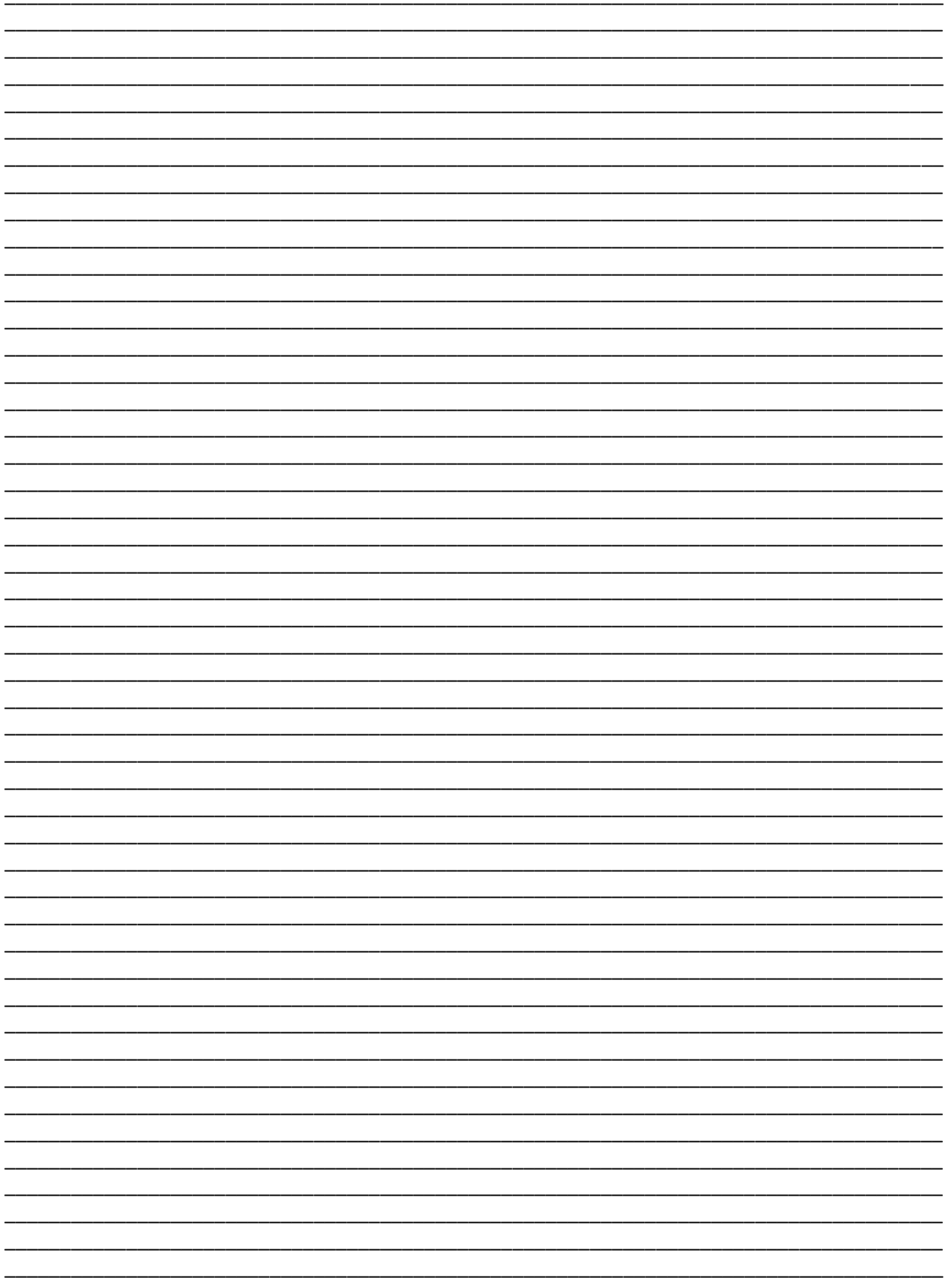
7. What two things did the Earl of Selkirk hope to achieve by obtaining land in the Red River Valley?

8. Why did the Earl of Selkirk think he had a right to this land?

9. Study the map on page 144 and outline the Selkirk Settlement boundaries on the map below. Also label the provinces and states that the settlement resides in.



10. What two things did Selkirk overlook when thinking about this land?



12. In 1821 the Hudson's Bay Company and the North West Company merged into one company under the name of the Hudson's Bay Company. Make a list of important things that happened when the two companies merged into one.

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13. The Red River Valley Settlement consisted of what groups of people? What was the economy of this area based on and how did the Metis contribute to it?

14. What tasks were performed by the women inhabitants of the Red River Settlement?

15. Trouble began in this area when the Metis asserted they had a right to do what?

16. The phrase "Le commerce est libre! Vive la liberte!" was said as a result of what? What does it mean?

17. What were some of the reasons for the rising tensions in the Red River settlement from 1860-1870?

18. What are your views on the discriminatory attitudes towards the Metis by the Orange Order and John Schultz? Do these sorts of attitudes still exist today?

19. How did Canada's purchase of Rupert's Land from the Hudson's Bay Company have a negative impact on those living in the Red River Settlement?

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20. Who was Louis Riel and what role did he play in the Red River Resistance?

21. What is a provisional government? Why was the formation of this government such an important event for the Red River Settlement?

22. A member of the government at Red River, Louis Schmidt made this statement:

“Scott acted on all occasions as a fanatic, and it was necessary to give an example of severity and firmness. The people of Ontario are using this execution to raise prejudice and hatred, not only against the Métis, but against all that is French and Catholic. I believe impartial people grant that Riel and his government were perfectly right to act as they have. The government at Red River is the only government here, and it has been established and recognized by elected representatives.”

After considering this statement and the details of Thomas Scott's execution on page 159 of the Horizons textbook, do you think the killing was justifiable? Why or why not?