















The R.C.M.P. **Teacher Input Suggestions**





• Contact your local R.C.M.P. detachment and arrange to have an officer speak to your class.



Prepare your class by developing appropriate interview questions.

You may wish to make an audio or video tape of the interview.



A film is available on The Musical Ride.

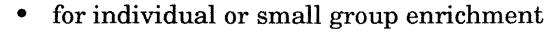




The information sheets can be used:



- as independent reading
- for group activities





- as a centre in your Canadian studies
- as a general interest topic to be read and discussed































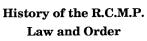


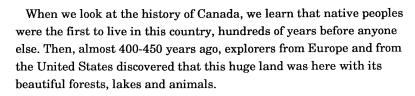


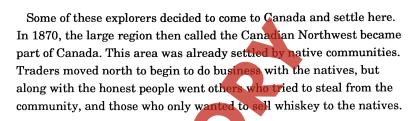












Whiskey was a new drug to the native peoples, and many suffered badly from its effects. There were those who also became addicted to the whiskey and it affected their behaviour. Fights began between criminal bands of native peoples and the whiskey traders threatened the safety of all those who were trying to live in peace in Canada's beautiful Northwest

Groups of people often organize themselves and establish rules that all members of the communities should follow to keep "law and order". Primarily because of the troubles in the Northwest, the government of Canada decided to form a police force that would work throughout the country, to make sure people would obey the rules and laws of Canada.

This force was formed in 1873 and was called the North West Mounted Police.



















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Whiskey Trade

The whiskey-traders built forts of their own in western Canada. A wellknown fort was called "Fort Whoop-Up". It was about 8 kilometres from where Lethbridge, Alberta, is today.

Fort Whoop-Up consisted of living quarters, a stockade and stables. It had a cannon to protect it.

The men in Fort Whoop-Up traded whiskey to the Indians. The N.W.M.P. put an end to that illegal trade.

Fort Whoop-Up is a funny name for a fort! Why do you think it was called that?

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Can you make up any other names for frontier	fo)]

re Water

The alcohol that was used in the fur trade was called "fire water" by the native people and by the traders.

Can you make up new names to describe the following items?

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g.	alcohol gun	fire water
	boots	
	helmet	And the second s
	spicy food	
	log home	
	horse	-
	pencil	

Going West

Settlers who moved to Canada began trading with the native peoples of this country. Some didn't trade fairly. They wanted valuable furs, and in return, gave alcohol and weapons to the native peoples. The native peoples weren't familiar with the dangers of these goods and a number of serious problems came from this trading situation.

The men of the N.W.M.P. were sent to the west, on horseback and on foot, to deal with the fur trade.

When they went out west, the men had to build houses for themselves, and stables for the horses.

They had to chop down trees for the log houses, and cut shingles for the rooves. It was a hard life!

Illustrate a home for an R.C.M.P. officer



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blazing summer sun on the prairies.



R.C.M.P. Duties and Uniform

received: a grey cork helmet, a scarlet jacket, black pants, blu

gauntlets, a fur cap, mitts, moccasins, a buffalo coat. Around

coveralls, black boots, brown boots, silver spurs, a brown bo

1900, the broad-brimmed hats still used today became par

the uniform. The men had complained the helmets wer and the pillbox caps could not protect them from Cana

The King of England officially recognized the No

and given authority over federal law enforcement.

Mounted Police in 1904 by granting them the title of Royal. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the force we know today, was formed in 1920 when it was merged with the Dominion Police

The gauntlets are still issued, but only as part of the dress

Today, there are more than 20,000 R.C.M.P. officers across Canada. (Women began to be admitted in 1974.) They enforce the law in all of the Territories, and serve as provincial police in all provinces except Ontario and Quebec, which have their own

uniform, and today's R.C.M.P. officers wear a brown tunic for

When the first officers signed up with the N.W.M.P. they



























gina, Saskatchewan.

their day-to-day duties.

provincial force





People joining the R.C.M.P. learn about becoming police fficers at a special school called the National Training Academy







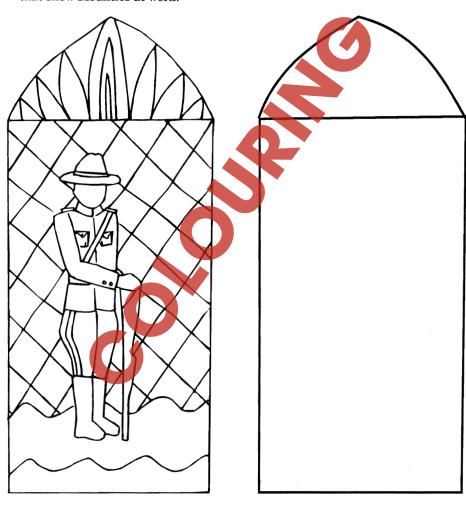


Stained Glass Mounties

The chapel at the national Police Training Academy was built in 1883and is the oldest building in Regina.

Two beautiful stained-glass windows show police officers in dress uniform.

Colour the window. Make other patterns for stained glass windows that show Mounties at work.



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Thank Goodness for Block Parents

Finish writing this story:

a	and said I could go out for a little while after supper. I took my big, blue baind skipped down the street to get my best friend Jamie. Jamie lives across rom a little park.
	was almost there, when I dropped my ball. It rolled and rolled
I	followed it quickly down the sidewalk. It rolled onto the grass in the little ark and stopped under a bush.
I A	was just about to pick it up when I saw two big shoes, right next to my ball man bent down and picked up my ball
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Activity 1

Police Dogs

Read the information on police dogs carefully.

Write a newspaper article or an imaginary story where a Mountie and his dog solved a crime or helped someone.

Remember to include:

Who What

When

Where

Why

Also include the **headline** (an attention-getting and the by-line (your name).



Police Dogs	Activity 2
List all the commands you think an R.C.M.P. dog woul he was fully trained.	d need to know when
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Crime Detection

Police officers working at crime detection are good at solving jigsaw puzzles!

The clues they find are small pieces of a large puzzle. If they can find all the puzzle pieces, they can then try to fit them together to solve the

Let's see if you would make a good crime detection officer.

Read the following story and try to pick out all the cla

Write them on the answer sheet.

Case of the Stolen Candy Bar

A neighbour, coming home at 5 a.m., heard a noise coming from the Corner Grocery Store. When his dog barked, a side door of the Corner Grocery Store flew open and the neighbour saw a man running away.

It was dark, so he couldn't see very clearly. He went inside his house and phoned the police. The officer on duty phoned the store's owner, Mr. Jones. When Mr. Jones arrived at the store, he opened the front door with his key. Inside, the police discovered that all chocolate candy bars were missing from the shelves...

They found a piece of red thread on a woodchip of the side door. The lock of the side door was pried open with a screwdriver. Several clear fingerprints were left behind by the thief.

When questioned, the neighbour recalled that the man he had seen fleeing from the store was in his early twenties. He had been wearing a red sweater with white stripes and blue jeans. He had brown hair and was wearing a black baseball cap.

The store owner calculated how many chocolate bars were missing. At closing time there had been 20 bars worth 80 cents each; 15 bars worth 75 cents each; and 5 boxes of chocolate worth \$1.50 each.