

## *Student Knowledge Hunt – The Railway Questions and Answers*

As an introductory activity to the *Mavericks: An Incurable History of Alberta* web site, students may take five to minutes to become familiar with the site and answer the specific questions they have been provided.

1. When was Sir William Van Horne born?  
A. 1843
2. Where did Van Horne work when he was only 14 years old?  
A. Telegraph office
3. What was Van Horne's first act of business when he took over the CPR?  
A. Clear out corrupt railway personnel
4. What did V.H. Secretan, CPR engineer and surveyor, call Van Horne?  
A. The Czar of the CPR
5. In what year did Van Horne accept an honorary knighthood?  
A. 1894
6. What did William Pearce study before becoming a surveyor?  
A. Engineering
7. What were two of Pearce's main concerns when he worked for the CPR?  
A. Conservation and irrigation
8. What new national system did Pearce help to create?  
A. The national park system
9. What forced the government to reconsider Pearce's theories of irrigation in the late 1880s?  
A. A severe drought in southern Alberta
10. Pearce's ideas on irrigation were not accepted until after his death. When did he die?  
A. 1930