

## Essential Questions: Railway

Essential questions are the "big ideas" that are used to engage students and reflect the core or the essence of the topic being studied. Included are essential questions pertaining to each theme area, as well as questions that relate to exploring the whole Mavericks site. These questions can provide many possible ideas as to how students can examine Alberta history.

### Questions:

- Why was the development of the railroad so important to the story of Alberta?
- How did the building of the railroad change Alberta and Canada?
- Was the treatment of the Chinese railway workers fair?
- Should Chinese railway workers be compensated for the "head taxes" they had to pay?
- Should the ancestors of Chinese railway workers be compensated for the "head taxes" they had to pay?
- How has transportation changed through time?
- Why do we travel on long journeys?
- How do we deal with being treated differently than other people around us?