

Knowledge Hunt: Railway

ANSWER KEY

A "Knowledge Hunt" is a short quiz that includes 10 knowledge-based questions. These activities are meant to assist students in exploring and quickly becoming familiar with one of the theme areas. They may be used as a short, five-minute introduction to the content and navigation of the site or even as an online, small-group scavenger hunt. The Knowledge Hunts are available for teachers with or without answers. The version without answers is also contained within Student Resources or it may be printed off for student use.

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

- 1. When was Sir William Van Horne born?**
A. 1843
- 2. How did Van Horne start his career on the railway?**
A. As a telegraph delivery boy
- 3. How long did it take for the railway tracks to reach Calgary after Van Horne took over construction?**
A. Two years
- 4. Van Horne promised to complete the railway in half the time originally predicted. How many years was this?**
A. Five
- 5. When Mary Schäffer Warren travelled west from Philadelphia, what did she regard herself as?**
A. A delicate girl
- 6. What was William Pearce's main job?**
A. Land surveyor
- 7. What did Pearce do after the Government took away his typewriter?**
A. Pearce resigned in 1904

8. **How many steps did Pearce take in a mile?**
 - A. 2,000

9. **What name did the Nakoda give to Mary Schäffer Warren?**
 - A. Yale-Weha, or Mountain Woman

10. **What did Mary wear on her backcountry trips that was frowned upon at the time?**
 - A. Pants