

Essential Questions: Fur Trade & Uninvited Guests

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:

- Did the Uninvited Guests act like proper guests?
- Why do people go on great journeys or move to new places?
- Why do we explore?
- How has exploration changed? What/where do we explore now?
- How were First Nations and European cultures different?
- How would Alberta be different if Europeans changed and accepted First Nations' people's way of life?
- How should our nation's European explorers and settlers have treated the First Nations people they encountered?
- How did the Uninvited Guests affect First Nations peoples?
- Did the Mavericks truly believe they were "Albertans?"
- How do we record or document our travels? What do we leave behind?
- Why do we create maps? What do they tell us?
- How can we create a map of a place that has not been explored before?
- How important were maps during the early days of Canadian exploration?
- What do historical maps tell us about how people understood their world at the time?