

## Essential Questions: Mounties

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 do we need a police force?
- Will we always need a police force?
- How was policing different in early Alberta?
- What challenges were faced by the NWMP? How did they overcome them?
- How did the Mounties affect First Nations peoples?
- Did the Mounties treat First Nations peoples fairly?
- How did Canada and the U.S. deal with First Nations peoples differently?
- How should we decide who has "sovereignty" of a region?
- How has the role of the RCMP changed since the NWMP were created in 1873?
- Why are the Mounties a famous symbol of Canada?