

ESCAPE TODAY AND
DISCOVER A NEW HISTORY EVERYDAY



SCAVENGER HUNT



GRADES 3 – 5



AGRICULTURE

BURNSIDE RANCH

All children did chores. A child your age, would have looked after which animals on the farm?

You have recently moved to the Alberta Prairies. What is the first building you must build on your new farm?

Guess how big the farm crop field is.

What types of crops would a farmer plant?

What animals would you have put in the barn at night? Why?

ENTERTAINING AND SOCIALIZING

CANMORE OPERA HOUSE

Theatre was very important as a source of entertainment. Can you think of what kinds of performances would happen here?

Where was this building originally built?

EUGENE COSTE PARK

Socializing with family and friends was very important at this time. What activities could a family do outdoors in this type of park? Would you be doing some of the same things with your family in this park today?

LIFESTYLES

BACHELOR'S TENT CABIN

Who would have lived in the Bachelors Tent, and what would have been their job?

FIRST NATIONS ENCAMPMENT – TIPI

How many people live inside a tipi at one time?

Animal hides were used to keep the people living inside of tipi's warm in the winter months. What sorts of animal furs were used to cover the tipi's?

BUSINESS, MERCHANDISING, AND TRADES

FIREHALL

- Can you find the town fire hall?

- Why were early settlers worried about fires?

- What animal would have been used to pull the fire wagon? _____

BLACKSMITH SHOP

- Can you find 3 things that were most popular for a blacksmith to make?

- The stove used in blacksmith shops had to be really hot. They did not burn wood in these stoves, but another material that helped raise the temperature of the stove. What did they burn? _____
- Could girls work in the blacksmith shop?

LIVERY BARN

- Imagine arriving in a small western Alberta town for the first time. If you have very little money, where could you spend the night?

- If someone was visiting town for a few days, where could farmers stable their horses overnight? _____
- How many horses can we fit in our barn?

TWO-STORY OUTHOUSE

- Can you find the two story out house (hint: it's yellow, and behind the Post Office)

- Why would there be 2 floors to an outhouse? (hint: look at where the entrances to the outhouse are)

GRAIN ELEVATOR

- What kinds of grain would be brought to the elevator?

- The grain Elevator got its name from how the grain is transferred to the top of the building. Can you find the "elevator" that lifts the grain all the way to the top of the building?

- How old did you have to be to work in the Grain Elevator?

I.G. BAKER

- We are used to our mail arriving very quickly, but in the 1800's, mail would take almost 3 months to arrive. It was pulled by a long line of wagons. Can you figure out what animals pulled these wagons?

- Can you see 3 things that would have been most important to buy, if you were living on the prairies?

HUDSON BAY FUR TRADING FORT

- When people first started arriving on the prairies, the easiest way to buy something would be to trade with something you already have, as coins were rarely used in the early 1800's. Can you see some things you may need if you owned a house in the 1800's. What do you think you would have to trade with?

- Animal furs were often used as currency, what kinds of animal furs could you trade in for goods?

- How many people could live in this fort at one time?

GOVERNMENT, PROFESSIONAL, AND RELIGIOUS

BERRY CREEK

- When we think of law enforcement we often think of catching the “bad guys”. Can you think of 3 other jobs a mountie had to do in his job in the 1800's?

- Take a look around the barracks. Can you figure out where the Mounties would have slept in this building? _____

COTTAGE HOSPITAL

- Can you find three things in this hospital that you could also find in a hospital in 2019?

- Take a look around the hospital kitchen. Can you figure out what the brown coloured unit under the telephone on the wall may be?

- The doctors who worked in Cottage Hospitals would only visit the hospital once a week to check on patients. Who would stay at the hospital with the patients and take care of them every day?

DENTIST OFFICE

- Before a dentist office was opened in a small town on the prairies, teeth were removed by the hair barber, who worked in the town snooker hall. After the dentist arrived, the people who lived in town had access to a wider range of medical utensils. What kinds of operations could the dentist perform in this office, other than pulling teeth?

- Can you find two medical utensils that your dentist uses in 2019?

GRAVEYARD

- The graveyard holds the headstones of many different Mounties that lost their lives in the service of their country. There is one large gravestone in the centre of the graveyard that holds the name of an important figure in western Canadian history. What is the name on this gravestone?

GLEICHEN SCHOOL

- The children who attended school were in charge of keeping the school house clean and tidy. What are some chores the children would have done each day to maintain a clean schoolhouse?

- Teachers found it easiest to live near the school house. Can you find the teachers home?

- What are some differences in this school house, compared to the school you attend?

SYNAGOGUE

- The synagogue was use for many community events and gatherings. What sort of events could have been held in the synagogue?

- As you enter the building, there is a small room to the left of the entrance. What type of group gathering would happen in the first small room?

- How old is the Torah we have in our Synagogue at Heritage Park?

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RECTORY

- The rectory was used the ministers home, as well as a place to hold many social events for the community. What kinds of social events happened in the minister's house?

- The minister did a lot of work for the community, from providing church services to offering counseling advice. Some farming community members did not have enough money to pay the minister for the many things he did. Can you think of other ways in which community members could pay back the minister for all of his hard work?

- Can you find the sewing machine inside the house?

MISSION

- Missionaries traveled several hundred miles every couple of weeks, to preach to their far reaching congregations across the Alberta prairies. What kind of transportation could the missionaries have used to travel such far distances?

- If you look at the top of the Mission building, you will see that it has a sod roof. What was using grass on top of a building a good idea for the rainy season?

TRANSPORTATION & RAILWAY

LAGGAN TRAIN STATION

- The laggan train station came from a small town that has since changed its name. Can you find out what the new name of this town is? _____

RAILWAY CAR SHOP

- How many trains are parked inside of our Railway Car Shop? _____
- Which railway car is the oldest in this building?

- One of the newest railway cars to arrive at Heritage Park is the Colonist Car. As you take a walk through this train car, can you find where the visitors on the train would have slept?
