

## Assignment #4

### Trials of Louis Riel

1. Who was Thomas Scott ? Where was he from, what was his cultural background, and what did he do in the West to upset the Metis?
2. How did the Metis deal with Thomas Scott? How did the Metis justify their actions?
3. This event really left intense emotion in Quebec and Ontario. Explain how this was so.
4. What did Louis Riel do, and why?
5. Did Riel ever get legally elected to the House of Commons?
6. What did the Canadian government do with regard to Riel in 1874? For how long was he banished?
7. What ailment did Louis Riel suffer?
8. Where did he finally move to, and what happened to him there? What did he do for a living?
9. July 1884 where does Riel go?

### Native Unrest

1. The Northwest Rebellion again involved the Metis, in what area (province) did this particular rebellion take place?
2. What were the native Metis afraid of ?
3. What was the MacDonald government afraid of?
4. In 1873 the government anticipated trouble. What 3 actions did the government take to bridge an uneasy peace?
5. Two factors lead to the famine that spread throughout the Northwest metis community. What were they?
6. What was frustrating the non-native community of the Northwest?
7. How did the people of this area attempt to voice their concerns?

### Ottawa Reacts

1. What was the initial reaction of the Federal government? Was this the best way to react? Explain your answer.
2. Who invited Louis Riel back to Canada (to Saskatchewan)? Does this demographic surprise you? Why?
3. What Four things were requested in the Petition of 1884?
4. When MacDonald ignored this petition by not responding, Louis Riel and the people of this area organize. However, at this time, Riel's leadership was somewhat marred by what false delusion?
5. Despite Riel's personal mental faults, do you feel the Metis were right to raise arms? Explain.
6. Who now broke allegiance with the protesting community?
7. With who did the Metis have armed conflict with? List the areas involved.
8. How did John A MacDonald respond to these clashes?
9. What are "guerilla warfare tactics" and why would the Canadian Government's troops be vulnerable to them?

## Riel's Trial

1. Discuss how the arrest and concept of Louis Riel divided 'Canada'. What two sides eventually formed?
2. What was the actual crime that Riel was charged with?
3. What was the strategy of Riel's defence lawyer? How did Riel react to this? More significantly, what did John A MacDonal do to attempt to ensure a "fair" trial?
4. What penalty was hanging in the balance of this case decision?
5. Do you think John A. MacDonal wanted Riel to be found guilty? Explain.
6. What was the result in Quebec?
7. What was the result for the West?
8. How did this Northwest Rebellion serve to improve support for the Canadian Pacific Railway?
9. Discuss the irony between the last stake being driven to tie in the railway in B.C., and the date of Louis Riel's execution. Is it fair to say our nation was built on total compromise? With what group/groups of people did the "fathers" of confederation fail to compromise with?