

Bella Coola Heritage Website Quiz

Short Answer

1. Why did Norwegian settlers living in Minnesota decide to move to Bella Coola? How did the Canadian government assist with their immigration?
2. Why was Mackenzie's journey to the Pacific Ocean so significant to Canadian history?
3. Describe some of the natural resources found in the Bella Coola Valley that have been used by the Nuxalkmc for centuries.
4. Examine the information in the Nuxalkmc and Hudson's Bay Company pages. Why do you think the Hudson's Bay post operated in Bella Coola for only 15 years?
5. Why is "Freedom Road" so significant to residents living in the Bella Coola Valley?
6. Describe Mackenzie's journey from Fort Chipewyan to Bella Coola. Indicate the significance of the Burnt Bridge Creek, Nusqalst, Q'umk'uts, and Mackenzie's Rock.
7. Why did the settlers build a townsite on the North side of the river? Why did they have to move back to the south side of the river?
8. Explain the expression "middle-men" in the context of Nuxalkmc trade relationships.
9. What had to be done to get the "Freedom Road" built? Why was the government so reluctant to build a road to Bella Coola?
10. Mackenzie traveled overland on a "Grease Trail." What is a "grease trail" and what was its significance to the Native peoples of the valley and the interior.

True/False:

1. Alexander Mackenzie thought the Nuxalkmc were superior canoemen compared to his voyageurs.
2. Native people at Burnt Bridge seemed surprised to see Alexander Mackenzie.
3. The Norwegian settlers were Methodist.
4. Rev. Christian Saugstad heard about Bella Coola through the writings of B. F. Jacobsen.
5. The Freedom Road is the fourth route to the Pacific Ocean.

Multiple Choice

1. One of the original names of the Norwegian settlement in Bella Coola was:
 - a) Kristiania
 - b) Q'umk'uts
 - c) Neby
 - d) Crookston
2. A Nuxalk trade item found in the Bella Coola Valley:
 - a) Shellfish
 - b) Moose hide
 - c) Eulachon grease
 - d) Obsidian
3. Alexander Mackenzie came overland to Bella Coola via:
 - a) The Freedom Road
 - b) A Grease Trail
 - c) By plane
 - d) He did not come overland, he came by canoe.
4. The Nuxalk used cedar for:
 - a) Canoes
 - b) Clothing
 - c) Fishing line
 - d) Housing
 - e) All of the above
5. The Freedom Road was finished in the year:
 - a) 1950
 - b) 1951
 - c) 1953
 - d) 1960