

History of Saskatoon CLOZE Activity
STUDENT WORKSHEET

Long before Saskatoon became a city, the vast prairie was the home of thousands of _____ . Evidence discovered where Wanuskewin Heritage Park now stands confirms that more than 6,000 years ago the area surrounding Saskatoon was home to the _____ people. These people were dependent on the herds for _____, _____, _____, and _____ . By 1880, the buffalo were on the verge of extinction. Life on the prairies had changed forever.

The Canadian Government wanted to encourage people to settle in the West. To do this, the Government allowed pioneers to settle in groups. Colonies share _____, _____, and _____ .

The Temperance Colonization Society was organized in 1881 in Toronto, Ontario. The Temperance Colony wanted to establish a colony in the West that was free of _____ and _____ .

By 1882, John Lake and a party of men from the Temperance Colonization Society traveled out West by _____ and _____ to examine the land set aside for their settlement. They contacted _____ to learn more about this unfamiliar environment. He proved to be a valuable resource, giving Mr. Lake advice about where to establish a _____ .

The 5 years following the Reil Rebellion were extremely hard on the settlers. _____, _____, _____, and _____ proved to be unexpected challenges.

In addition, it had been hoped that the river would provide access to the settlement site by steamboat. The river level fluctuated and was often too _____ and the shifting sand bars made boat travel difficult.

Leaders in the community realized that a railway would help Saskatoon prosper and in 1890 a _____ was built from Regina through Saskatoon to Prince Albert.

By 1901 Saskatoon became a _____. James Wilson was the first Mayor of the Village of Saskatoon. By 1903 Saskatoon was a town.

In 1906, _____, _____, and _____ were united as one to form the City of Saskatoon. _____ became the first mayor of Saskatoon.

1908 through to 1914 were the _____. Buildings were going up all over the place!

The years of 1914-1918 were the years of the _____. Sadly, many of our citizens never returned.

WORD BANK Use these words to complete the sentences above.

village	Great War	Nutana	rail	religions
Riversdale	Saskatoon	James Clinkskill	river	wagon
Cree and Dakota-Sioux	early frost	Chief Whitecap	isolation from others	food
ferry crossing	shallow	poor crops	clothing	shelter
spaceship	tools	buffalo	beliefs	ways of life
alcoholism	rail-line	poverty	boom years	drought