



Conflict at Red River

In 1885 Louis Riel was hanged for treason. In 1992, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney's government declared Louis Riel a "Founder of Manitoba". What was referred to as "The Red River Rebellion" in the past is now called "Red River Resistance".

Why has there been a change in viewpoints over the last century?

- In chronological order, lay out important events from 1800 to 1994 that give background of the Red River Resistance, the events that occurred during the Resistance and events that have led to the change of perspective as it relates to this historical event today. Pay particular attention to information that could be used to change the government's perspective on Louis Riel.
- Listen to the CBC broadcast of the [1992 address in Parliament by Hon. Joe Clark](#).
- Watch a short [video](#) about Riel.
- Read through Chapter 8 in *Voices & Visions* - after all [Gutenberg](#) was the original tech geek!
- Use MS Publisher to create a timeline with an accurate scale. (100 years should have the same length as another 100 years.)
 - o Title
 - o Timeline should include important dates and events (min. 10)
 - o Visual aids (maps, photos, original student drawings, historical paintings, etc.) should coincide with the event.
 - o Using text boxes, write four paragraphs (this section of the assignment is L.A. and will count as an L.A. mark).
 - Paragraph 1 - Metis (of the 1880s) point of view
 - Paragraph 2 - Government (of the 1880s) point of view.
 - Paragraph 3 - Why did the 1992 government rethink their position on Riel?
 - Paragraph 4 - What is your opinion on Louis Riel? Was he a criminal or a hero?
- Hints:
 - Louis Riel statue (1970) - Ottawa
 - Bill C-228 in 1994 - why didn't it pass?
 - Why was he declared a "Founder of Manitoba" and not "Hero"?

Basic Directions to Create a Timeline in MS Publisher:

1. Open Publisher
2. Choose <banner> wizard
3. Choose desired length of banner - 1.5 m or 5 pages is probably best (depending on the version you are using.)
4. Choose any banner in wizard.
5. Delete all objects (borders, "Happy Birthday" text, etc.)
6. Draw horizontal line the length of the banner.
7. Use the Arrange Tab to pick <Ruler Guides> then <Format Ruler Guides> to make sure that you are using metric.
8. Divide your main horizontal line into equal parts depending on how many years you are showing on your timeline with vertical lines.
9. Add desired text using text boxes.
10. Add in pictures using <insert picture> function.