Social Studies 9

The Métis

Using your notes, understanding, and the resource package provided answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. Use full and complete sentences and provide evidence (support) for your ideas.

1. Consider the “marriage” of First Nations women to European fur traders. Create a list of advantages for the women and for the men. Explain possible disadvantages for the women.
2. Think about the annual Métis hunts. What impact would the expansion of towns and cities have on the hunt?
3. Why was the bison hunt so important to the Métis ? Think about the laws of the hunt, the economic and social impact on Métis society. Use examples to support your ideas!
4. Some believe that European settlement was a great thing for the expansion of Canada…the Métis were not so sure. There must have been some positive and negative reasons for the Métis either wanting them at Red River, and for them not wanting them there. Create a list of positive and negative reasons! (ex. The newcomers will scare away the buffalo!, or, the newcomers will be nice neighbours to share the work with).
5. Explain how the merger of the HBC and the NWC might be seen as “a turning point” in the history of Canada. What were the consequences of the merger?