

## W.A.C. Bennett

*These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the W.A.C. Bennett biography.*

1. How was W.A.C. Bennett affected by his father's abandonment?
2. Explain the circumstances surrounding Bennett's "vision on the mountain top." What was it? Why was it significant?
3. Where did Bennett settle and raise his family?
4. What election failures led to Bennett's decision to become an Independent Member of Provincial Parliament? What party did he create?
5. What industries opened with the extension of the Railway to the north?
6. What ideology did Bennett both reject and employ in the nationalization of the Ferry System?
7. What was the biggest international agreement of the time? How did Bennett finance the project? Explain what each party received and contributed according to the agreement. What were the three major complaints that made this project so controversial?
8. Why did Bennett deserve the title "master of hard-ball politics?"
9. What two scandals tarnished Bennett's Social Credit Party? How did they affect his personal reputation?
10. What was the "burning of the Bonds?" What does it say about Bennett and the Social Credit Party?
11. In what ways did Bennett interact with the public?
12. Describe the circumstances surrounding the defeat of Bennett's Social Credit Party. When did it happen? Who defeated them? What were the main issues for the defeat?
13. What were the "burger votes?" What did they predict?
14. When did Bennett resign his legislative seat?
15. How did Bennett succeed in achieving "the ultimate revenge?" What was his revenge?