

Sam Steele

These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Sam Steele biography.

1. Describe Sam Steele's personality, according to the people who speak about him in the movie. What kind of public recognition does Sam have today?
2. What stood in the way of Sam's ambitions to command the North West Mounted Police?
3. What part of Canada most fascinated Sam? Why?
4. Provide an example of Sam's negotiation skills.
5. What components of the traditional Mountie uniform were pioneered by Sam?
6. Who was Sam's wife? Who was her father? When did Sam meet her? How many children did they have?
7. What circumstances lead Sam to threaten a group of strikers with his gun?
8. How were criminals punished when Sam was in charge of Dawson City?
9. How did Sam react when he discovered that Chief Isadore's lands had been "sold" to a British immigrant?
10. How and when did Sam die? What does his great-grandniece say was the cause of his death?
11. Sam once wrote: "I had the lone land before me, where it's a man own fault if he fails while he has health and strength." Based on what you've learned about Sam from the film, what do you think he meant by this?