

Simon Gunanoot

These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Simon Gunanoot biography.

1. Where was Simon Gunanoot born? Which clans did his parents belong to?
2. What skills did Simon learn growing up in the Northern Mountains?
3. Explain how Simon “lived in both worlds.” What were his two worlds?
4. Explain Simon’s journey from his homestead to the Two Mile Community.
5. What happened when Simon entered the tavern? Who did he meet? What was the outcome of their fight? What later happened?
6. What did Constable Kirby find after he searched Simon’s ranch?
7. What problems did Kirby encounter while searching for Simon? Who else searched for him? What problems did they encounter?
8. What decision was made regarding the search in the Winter of 1906?
9. What Special Agents were recruited to the case? Where were they from? What was the result of their search?
10. Who or what was Simon’s greatest ally?
11. What was later named after Simon?
12. Describe the life of Simon’s children.
13. What hardships did Simon (and his family) have to endure on the trail?
14. What events led to political unrest among First Nations peoples in 1906?
15. What did Simon become a symbol of?
16. Describe the events surrounding the 1908 Bloodless Siege of Hazelton.
17. How did Simon’s friends help him to evade the law?
18. Who convinced Simon to give himself up? Why? What lawyer did he hire?
19. How did the public perception of Simon change between 1906 and 1919?

20. Where was Simon placed until his trial? What effects did this have on his health?
21. Describe the members of the jury. What is significant about them?
22. What one piece of evidence could have been used against Simon, but was not?
23. What was Simon's explanation of the night MacIntosh was killed?
24. What was the outcome of the trial?
25. What did Simon and his family do after the trial?