

## Alexander Mackenzie

*These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Alexander Mackenzie biography.*

1. Why did Alexander Mackenzie find himself “ideally placed” to find an overland passage to the Pacific?
2. According to Chief Gregory Nyali, what two events occurred as a result of Mackenzie’s interaction with Aboriginals? How does Chief Nyali believe the First Nations Peoples would have viewed Mackenzie if they’d known what would happen as a result of his efforts?
3. What kind of education did Mackenzie receive as an elite member of Scottish society?
4. What major event was occurring when Mackenzie and his father arrived in America?
5. Give three examples that illustrate the “rough life” of the voyageurs.
6. What was the most important technological device of the time?
7. What happened in June 1789? How old was Mackenzie?
8. Who travelled with Mackenzie?
9. What was the English Chief’s role in the expedition?
10. What was the role of the women in the Chippewan culture?
11. Was Mackenzie’s first voyage a success? Explain.
12. What did Turner’s latest navigational instruments demonstrate?
13. Was Mackenzie well received by the new people he met when he reached the coast? Explain.
14. Why do some people feel it is not fair to claim that Mackenzie “discovered” the many places now named after him?