



Lesson Plan

HOW MEDICINE HAT GOT ITS NAME



BRIDGE IN

- Have students speculate about how Medicine Hat got its name
- Show them a map of southern Alberta and locate Medicine Hat
- Talk about the river flowing through Medicine Hat

PRE TEST

- Have students speculate about how Medicine Hat got its name
- Talk about the river flowing through Medicine Hat

OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this lesson, the students will be able to:

- Locate Medicine Hat and South Saskatchewan River on an Alberta map
- Use three of the vocabulary words in sentences
- Summarize how Medicine Hat received its name
- Write a short story on how other Alberta locations may have received their names
- Develop an understanding of First Nations' language/culture

POST TEST

Have students list at least four towns, cities, rivers, and/or communities whose names were derived from First Nations' Languages.

FOLLOW UP

Have students research pow wows, and if possible, go to one. Be sure to be there for the Grand Entry, when all the dancers come into the arena.

RESOURCES

- History of the RCMP
- Current RCMP Homepage
- Series of lesson plans from Glenbow Museum, ranging from why the police force was formed, games, copies of recruitment posters
- Headdresses

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