

## The St. Laurent Incident

**Directions:** After reading pages 172-176 (including “The Laws of St. Laurent” and “The Hunt of 1875”), you are to write an opinion paragraph (minimum of 5 sentences) on whether or not you believe the incident in St. Laurent was handled properly. This paragraph should be well structured and contain a definite viewpoint. The information below will help you to answer important questions as well as guide you through the structure of your paragraph.

### Things to think about:

- 1) Were there rules broken?
- 2) Were the rules enforced properly? (ie. did the correct people deal with the problem)
- 3) Was the punishment of people appropriate?
- 4) Could the incident have been dealt with differently?
- 5) Does handling of this incident lead you to believe that all people are treated fairly?

### Paragraph Structure:

- 1) **INTRODUCTION:** (1 sentence) - This is the first sentence of your paragraph and should identify the viewpoint that you are taking and why without getting into detail about the body of your paragraph. In other words, it shouldn't give away all of your supporting evidence.  
(eg. *It is my opinion that the bison hunt incident at St. Laurent was dealt with properly because ...*)
- 2) **BODY** These are the sentences that support your introduction and give the reader
- 3) **BODY** information about why you are taking the viewpoint that you identified in
- 4) **BODY** your first sentence.
- 5) **CONCLUSION:** (1 sentence) - This is the last sentence in your paragraph and should summarize your opinion by tying everything together to give the reader a clear view of your opinion.  
(eg. *It is apparent, based on the information provided that in my opinion the incident in St. Laurent that had to do with some Metis people beginning the bison hunt early was dealt with properly.*)