This activity is to help you to learn to analyze Primary Historical Sources concerning the North-West Mounted Police and the Great March. Each question is related to the above source and the in-class lecture. Use the Primary Source to find the answers, but you can include other information from the textbook and/or lectures to answer the questions. Please answer the questions attached to the Primary Source. Each person must complete the questions from 2 of the 3 stations. This activity is due April 26 and is worth 5 marks.

**Station One**

From the Journal of Henri Julien- Henri Julien, (14 May 1852–17 September 1908) was a [French Canadian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Canadian) [artist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artist) and [cartoonist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartoonist) noted for his work for the [*Canadian Illustrated News*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Illustrated_News).

“I at once reported myself to Col. French, produced my credentials, and was by him very kindly received. Soon after, I made the acquaintance of my future travelling companions.

The Manitoba Mounted Police is a military body formed by special parliamentary legislation to serve the province whose name it bears and throughout the North-West Territories east of the Rocky Mountains. Its duties are generally to keep the peace throughout that vast country; to protect the Indian against the dishonesty of the white man; the white man against the treachery of the Indian; to prevent smuggling of liquor over the frontier, and, in case of any outbreak or incipient war, to disarm and disperse the belligerents. The whole force numbers 309 men, one half of whom are already quartered at Fort Dufferin, on the Manitoba frontier, near Pembina. The other half have just been recruited in Ontario and Quebec, and Col. French, commander of the entire body, has been commissioned to lead them to their destination”



1) In Henri’s view, what are the duties of the NWMP?

2) What does Henri say about the organization of the troops? What does the photo tell us that contradicts the text? How prepared are the NWMP?

**Station Two**

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“Now we are in for it. Until now, it had been all plain sailing - fresh horses, plenty of rest, easy stages and untired bodies. But from this point, the real difficulties of the expedition became apparent. The very keeping together of so vast a caravan, with so many sluggard animals as oxen, cows and calves, through the untravelled country, was bound to be wearisome…At Dufferin, thirty or thirty-five of the men deserted the service and took leg bail over the frontier (US border), where, of course, they were safe from pursuit.

Often in the evening, when our tents were pitched, and we went down to the nearest brook or rivulet to water our horses, hoping that this was to be our last work before turning in for a sweet night's rest, the mosquitoes would rise in columns out of the spongy soil under our feet and begin a regular battle against us. Our horses would rear, pitch and kick. We, ourselves, would be covered with scratches and blood. Our only refuge was to run our horses to their pickets, then hasten to throw ourselves on the ground, and cover ourselves up in blankets.

If you open your mouth to curse at them, they troop into it. They insinuate themselves under your clothes, down your shirt collar, up your sleeve cuffs between the buttons of your shirt bosom. And not one or a dozen, but millions at a time. You can brush them off your coat sleeves in layers.”



1) Why do some of the NWMP abandon the March?

2) Describe the affect of the mosquitoes. In your opinion, were the men prepared to face such an environment? What does the photo say about their living situation?

**Station Five**

From Henri Julien’s journal- Henri Julien, (14 May 1852–17 September 1908) was a [French Canadian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_Canadian) [artist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Artist) and [cartoonist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cartoonist) noted for his work for the [*Canadian Illustrated News*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_Illustrated_News).

First Nations’ speech: "The great spirit gave the land to all his children We want to know why you come here and where you are going. We had horses and land on the other side, but the Yankees lied to us. They gave us drink and killed us and took our lands away. England never did that to her red children. What now is wanted? We have nothing to kill the buffalo with; we want guns and ammunition; we can get nothing without arms; nothing to use against the Yankees when we go against them.

After this there was again a shaking of hands and Lieut. Col. French answered.

"… The White Mother who lives beyond the great waters sent me. She heard the Yankees came to kill you and give you bad whiskey…She sent these braves to punish those that kill them… We want to capture those who killed the white mother's red children .We do not want the land of the Dakota nor any one else's. We have guns only for our warriors, but will give you ammunition calico and tea."

"All our bravest men are dead. We are now without friends. Long ago my chief said that we would see white warriors to defend us; now I believe what he said. I never saw men like this before and I am glad to see them and will give them good names and will try to be kind forever. Give us ammunition and we will assist you. Now we have nothing.”



1) Are the NWMP welcomed by the First Nations? Why or why not?

2) Are the First Nations treated with respect? What does Col. French’s language tell us about how First Nations were regarded at the time?