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### **Fort Battleford**

My name is Curtis Calladine and I am a grade 6 student at Marion Schilling Elementary School. I enjoy playing hockey and mountain biking.

My project title was "Fort Battleford" and I chose this topic because I visited Fort Battleford, Saskatchewan in 2001 with my grandparents and I was interested in the fact that my papa played at the fort as a child. I also later learned that my great-great-great grandfather (Henry) had some involvement in the 1885 Rebellion and was arrested for treason felony.

Helpful books were obtained from the Kamloops Library, printed brochures and flyers that we picked up during our visit to Fort Battleford, photographs we took on the tour of Fort Battleford and I had made a list of questions that we couldn't find answers for and telephoned the Site Manager, Glen Ebert who has worked at the Fort for over 23 years.

Most of my problems I had with my project were during the building of the Fort model. I went and talked with my papa about building my Fort and he had some great ideas. We used a Styrofoam base so it wouldn't be heavy. I collected apple tree twigs for the walls, which we had to cut down 3 times because they were too tall. We thought we would have trouble gluing the twigs to the Styrofoam but we found this great glue and my papa dug a little trench in the Styrofoam for the twigs. My dad had a great idea to use green indoor/outdoor carpet for the grass. My dad cut out the walls and roofs for my model buildings and I enjoyed gluing and painting them.

The best part about my project was building the model Fort with my papa while he told stories of his childhood in Battleford. I enjoyed my telephone interview with Glen Ebert; he was very knowledgeable about the Fort. I also enjoyed visiting the Fort as we got to dress up as North-West Mounted Police.

For my great-great-great-grandfather (Henry) this must have been the most difficult time to live through and to live after and even to remember. I wish I could have met Henry to see how he

lived and to hear the many stories he could have told of the Rebellion.



