

FOLLOWING THE PATHWAY: How Did Winnipeg Begin?**BLM # 1-7**

Use the information on the Web site, *An Act of Imagination*, to find the answers to these questions:

1. On what date was Winnipeg incorporated as a city? _____
2. Why do you think this section of the site is called "An Act of Imagination"?
(Look at the photos of Winnipeg in the early days. Could you have ever imagined that the place shown would ever become a modern city?)
2. Winnipeg had a dramatic beginning in 1872-1873. What was the event?
3. Look at the names and pictures of the first Mayor and Council. Name one group of people that is not there. Why do you think that they are not part of the power group?
4. Why do you think that a property qualification was introduced for voters and office holders?
5. Check the boundaries of the original City of Winnipeg and mark them on a modern map.
6. The "Firsts". Most of the early Mayors and Councillors were of British Protestant background, but as Winnipeg became more diverse, other groups began to be represented.
 - (a) Fill in the following chart.

Group Represented	Date	Names Of Elected Representatives
Icelandic Canadians		
Jewish		
Ukrainian Canadians		
Women		

(b) What does the election of representatives of these groups tell you about Winnipeg at that time?

7. What was Council supposed to do?

8. (a) Explain what a by-law is.

(b) The City appointed "assessors". What did you think they did? (Clue: What do you think this means - "The City was now able to generate revenue"?)