

Constructing an Argument

In this activity students will select one of the three participants in the Fraser Expedition who have been featured in the *River of Memory* exhibit and web site and argue why they think that person was the most significant historical figure.

Simon Fraser

Jean-Baptiste Boucher

Jules–Maurice Quesnel

All three men had many accomplishments throughout their life. Each has left their name on geographic features in the Cariboo District. Who do you think would have been considered the most successful during their lifetime? Who do you think has had the most lasting impact on the region? You can find more information on each of the men in the “Crew Members” section of the *River of Memory* website.

Students will learn how to construct an opinion through research and to defend their point of view. They will also learn to question the position of others and to defend their own ideas. Hold a class discussion, stage a debate, or write a report.