



EDUCATION
PROGRAMS

Grades 8, 9, 11 and 12 Teacher(s) and Principal:

Explore the Western Development Museum's:

Dr. Alfred Schmitz Shadd **Virtual Exhibit**

Including a free educational resource

September - June



Curriculum Connections:

Grade 8

Social Studies IN8.2
Social Studies DR8.3
English Language Arts CR8.1,
CR8.2, CR8.3, CR8.6, CR8.7

Grade 9

Social Studies DR9.4
Social Studies PA9.3
Social Studies RW9.2, 9.3
English Language Arts
CR9.1a/b, CR9.2a/b,
CR9.3a/b, CR9.7a/b

Grade 11

Social Studies 20

Grade 12

Social Studies 30
History 30

In partnership with the Melfort and District Museum and the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum, the Western Development Museum has created a virtual exhibit about *Dr. Alfred Schmitz Shadd*, the first person of African ancestry recorded as living in what is now Saskatchewan.

In 1896, he came to Carrot River Settlement, Northwest Territories (present-day Kinistino) from Ontario to teach. He left one year later to get a medical degree. Once he achieved that, he returned and established himself as a pillar of the Melfort and Carrot River Settlement communities. Though he faced discrimination at first upon his arrival in the Northwest Territories, the community quickly grew to accept him and he became an important and well-respected figure.

Exploring Dr. Shadd's life and legacy will help students understand how policies adopted in the United States influenced people on both sides of our shared border. Students will consider how the virtual exhibit challenges the myth that racial and cultural diversity among settlers in Saskatchewan is a recent phenomenon. They'll also be encouraged to think about what makes someone historically significant.

To accompany the virtual exhibit, the WDM has created a set of reflection questions which students will answer after visiting the *Dr. Alfred Schmitz Shadd* virtual exhibit (wdm.ca/exhibits/drshadd/). Our educator page also includes a list of additional resources from our partners at the Melfort and District Museum and the Saskatchewan African Canadian Heritage Museum.

Availability: The virtual exhibit and reflection questions can be accessed at anytime during the school year at wdm.ca/for_teachers/dr-alfred-shadd-virtual-exhibit-reflection-resource/

Program Cost: Free

For more information: Contact us at education@wdm.ca.