

The Alaska Highway: A Yukon Perspective
Chapter 1: Development of Transportation in the Yukon
B.L.M. 2.1

Question & Answer Matching Activity

Cut out the following questions and answers. Randomly distribute to students and ask them to circulate around the class until they have correctly found their match.

Who was hired to help the surveyors establish a route for the highway?

First Nations men.

What was one of the challenges facing engineers when building the road, particularly in northern areas such as north of Kluane Lake?

Permafrost

What was the percentage of Black enlisted men working on the highway?

One third (33.3%)

What made the morale among black troops so low?

Insufficient equipment and clothing, long tours of duty, lack of recognition

What were some of the roles that women played in the construction of the highway?

Administrative work, nurses, waitresses, cooks, launderers, maids, teachers

What was one role the women played during this period that defied the stereotypes?

Becoming U.S. Air Force pilots

What sort of traffic uses the Alaska Highway?

Mining industry, tourists, recreation vehicles, cars, merchandise and supplies for northern businesses

Why did they choose the route between Dawson Creek, B.C. and Fairbanks, Alaska?

It linked a chain of civilian airports between Edmonton and Whitehorse.

What was the name of the chain of civilian airports between Edmonton and Whitehorse?

Northwest Staging Route

Who used airplane transportation in the late 1930's?

Big game hunters, trappers and prospectors

What single event in the history of WWII led the United States to become worried about shipping lanes on the west coast?

The bombing of Pearl Harbour in December , 1941

Approximately how long is the Alaska Highway?

1700 miles