



GRASSLANDS FALL QUEST

TODAY THE GRASSLANDS ARE A CONSERVATION AREA BUT REPRESENT WHAT SASKATOON LOOKED LIKE BEFORE TREATY 6 BEGAN. CAN YOU READ THE LANDSCAPE TO FIND SHELTER, FOOD AND WATER?



Straight branches for making arrows



A water source



A hiding spot



A secure food cache



Berries



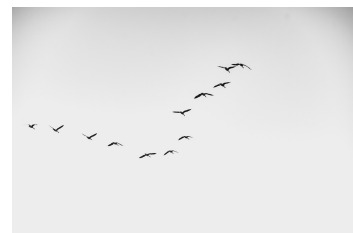
An animal trail



Shelter from the rain



Direction to the river



Direction the geese are flying

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<p>First Nations used long straight branches to make arrows.</p> <p>Straight branches for making arrows</p>	<p>Beaver and muskrat used to live in the Grasslands many years ago. Now the pothole sloughs have dried up. The geese at the Sutherland Migratory Bird Sanctuary may be the nearest water source. Can you pinpoint which direction that lies in?</p> <p>A water source</p>	<p>There are several big erratics that could hide a human, and the clumps of aspen. Sometimes lying flat on your belly in the grass and staying still is enough to camouflage a person.</p> <p>A hiding spot</p>
<p>Congratulations you've found food. Now where can you safely store it? The crows and magpies want to share it with you. So do the fox, coyote, mice and insects. Would you store it in a tree? Or bury it? Or cover it with rocks?</p> <p>A secure food cache</p>	<p>The raspberries and Saskatoon berries are all gone by fall. But there are chokecherries, rosehips, hawthorns, wolfwillow and buffaloberry.</p> <p>Berries</p>	<p>People and bicycles have flattened many trails but can you find an animal trail? If you had to lay a snare on an animal trail where would be a good spot?</p> <p>An animal trail</p>
<p>Getting wet means getting cold quickly in fall. Where could you stay driest from the rain in the Grasslands?</p> <p>Shelter from the rain</p>	<p>In the past, the South Saskatchewan River provided food and drinking water. Can you orient yourself so you know where the river lies?</p> <p>Direction to the river</p>	<p>In fall the geese are migrating. In the morning you'll see them leaving the Sutherland Migratory Bird Sanctuary, and in the evening some return to it. During the day, which direction do you see them flying in?</p> <p>Direction the geese are flying</p>