

**Sample: Positive and Negative Aspects of Douglas' Life**

<b>Positive Aspects</b>	<b>Negative Aspects</b>
<i>Helped the HBC establish a trade monopoly in the Pacific Northwest from 1821-1858.</i>	<i>Douglas was known to become "furiously violent when aroused," a tendency which brought Douglas into conflict with the Carrier Indians early in his career with the HBC, causing him to be transferred from Fort St. James in 1830.</i>
<i>Established British rule west of the Rocky Mountains by creating the Colony of Vancouver Island and Colony of British Columbia for which he has been called "The Father of BC."</i>	<i>He was opposed to allowing everyone to vote and believed that a good dictator was the best form of government. He instituted property qualifications for voters and for membership in the Vancouver Island Assembly so that only large landowners could qualify.</i>
<i>The first wave of 25,000 newcomers arrived in Victoria on their way to search for gold on the Fraser sandbars. Douglas took the precaution of claiming the BC mainland and the minerals for the Crown.</i>	<i>At the beginning of the Gold Rush in 1857 Douglas stopped foreign vessels from entering the Fraser River. The British Government reprimanded Douglas for these actions because it believed Douglas implemented these measures to protect the HBC monopoly.</i>
<i>As governor of BC (1858-1863), Douglas was concerned with the welfare of the miners. He laid out reserves for the natives to eliminate the threat of warfare, recorded mining and land claims, settled mining disputes, and devised a land policy on the mainland which included mineral rights. His water legislation met the needs of the miners.</i>	<i>Some of his old friends complained about Douglas' exercise of power, aloofness and showy manner. New Westminster merchants complained about having to pay customs duties. The effect was cumulative. Douglas's term as governor of Vancouver Island ended in 1864.</i>
<i>Douglas organized the building of a 640 km wagon road financed by loans that followed the Fraser to distant Cariboo, where gold nuggets had been found. It was extended in 1865 to the booming gold town of Barkerville.</i>	