Hi, my name is Louise! I can’t wait to show you around my province of Alberta. Just like me, Alberta was named after Princess Louise Caroline Alberta. Princess Louise was Queen Victoria’s fourth daughter, and she married the Marquis of Lorne. The Marquis served as the Governor General of Canada from 1878-1883.

The Marquis and Louise both loved beautiful things. She was an artist and later designed the memorial to the Canadian casualties of the Boer War. The Marquis loved how big and wild and beautiful Canada was. It was so beautiful, in fact, that he wanted to name part of it after his wife. And, that’s how Alberta got her name.

Come with me as we see a land that has been the home of Blackfoot and Cree, fur traders and the railroad, farmers and missionaries. We’ll explore the land of oil field workers and soldiers, Olympians and airplanes.

There’s so much to see—I can’t wait to get started!

Don’t forget to download your Alberta Explorer Pack 1. It will guide you through the first two days of our expedition!

Our first stop is Victoria Settlement, near Smoky Lake, Alberta, in 1865. But, before we visit the past, let’s see what it looks like today at this site: http://www.history.alberta.ca/victoria/default.aspx
Victoria Settlement was a bustling, growing community in 1865. So many Indians were visiting the mission there that the Hudson Bay Company had started building a trading post.

What else was in the news in 1865? Do a little research and choose which headline is from 1865. Write an article about it in your Explorer Pack.

a. Igor Sikorsky invents the first successful helicopter.
b. William Booth moves to London to organize what would later be called The Salvation Army

b. Benazir Bhutto becomes Prime Minister of Pakistan.
d. “A Farewell to Arms” by Ernest Hemingway is published