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Student Jack Mitchell will hold a reading at Confederation Square on Sunday during a stop on his cross-Canada tour.

## Travelling poet takes message to Ottawa

Some university students spend their summers waiting tables or flipping hamburgers at fast-food outlets.

Not Ottawa's Jack Mitchell.

Mitchell, a history student at McGill University, has spent his summer travelling across the country on a motorcycle, giving performances of his epic poem about the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.

On Sunday, Mitchell, 23, will give free performances of the poem in his home town.

He will present the 30-minute poem at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. at Confederation Square.

Spending \$2,500 of his own money to fund the trip, Mitchell has travelled across Canada. He started his trip in Louisbourg, N.S., and travelled through Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Quebec. He then continued to Thunder Bay, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Calgary and Vancouver.

After Ottawa, he will give a reading in Toronto before wrapping up his tour in Quebec City on Sept. 13, the anniversary of the Battle of the Plains of Abraham.