

Group 1: Grassy Narrows, Ontario (Answer Key)

<https://www.cbc.ca/news2/interactives/children-of-the-poisoned-river-mercury-poisoning-grassy-narrows-first-nation/>

<https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/grassy-narrows-signs-agreement-for-new-mercury-treatment-facility/>

1. What contaminant is in their river? **Mercury**
2. When did the contamination begin? **1960s**
 - a. What caused this? **Pulp and paper mill dumping contaminants**
3. What health services has the government provided to this community? **One small clinic.**
4. Define “bioaccumulates”. **Mercury passes from mother to child and becomes more concentrated in each generation**
5. What happened to the company that dumped the mercury in court? **They had to promise to clean up the river in 1983. No formal admittance of poisoning the river with mercury however.**
6. In what year did the Ontario government announce plans to clean up the river? **2011**
 - a. Has this happened? **No**
7. Why does Azraya’s family not believe the official police report that cites suicide as cause of her death? **She was found across the road from where the police dropped her off. Many FN have died in police custody.**
8. In what year did the federal government promise to clean up the river and build a mercury treatment facility? **2017**
 - a. Has this been followed through on? **No**