

Answer Key--Internment in Canada

Directions: Research the following groups of people who were considered enemy aliens and interned under the War Measures Act:

<u>Internment in Canada</u>	<u>Ukrainians</u>	<u>Japanese</u>	<u>Italians</u>	<u>Jews</u>
Who? Were all people in this group included? Women & children?	Mostly men, but a few women and children.	More than 90% of all Japanese Canadians including women & children.	Men suspected of supporting Italy in war.	Young (16-20 years old) men refugees from Nazi Germany
When? WWI? WWII? Dates internment began and ended?	WWI 1914-1920 (held after war ended)	WWII 1942 (after Pearl Harbor) - 1945	WWII 1940 (after Mussolini joined Germany in war) - 1945	WWII 1940-1943 (although some returned to Britain to fight against Germany)
Where? What parts of Canada had they been living in? Where were they sent for internment?	Mostly farmers on the prairies. Taken to camps across Canada from BC to Nova Scotia	Removed from BC's west coast. Taken by train to camps in BC interior, Alberta, and Manitoba.	Men separated from families and put in camps.	Deported from refugee camps in Britain. Imprisoned in Ontario, Quebec, and New Brunswick
What? What were the living conditions in the camps? What work were they required to do?	Forced to work in national parks building roads & golf course. Also worked in logging & mining. Low pay. Brutal conditions. Property & money taken and not returned	Worked on sugar beet farms. No running water or electricity. All property & businesses sold to pay for internment.		"Camp boys" imprisoned behind barbed wire
Why? What was the official reason for interning these people? Did ethnicity, race, or religion also play a role?	Suspected of spying for Austria Hungary. Considered peasants, not "white" and like "animals".	Suspected of spying for Japan. Long history of anti-Asian racism in BC.	Viewed as fascists and spies.	At first suspected of spying for Germany. Then anti-Jewish immigration policy prevented them from being accepted in Canada

Did the government of Canada apologize to or compensate any of these groups? If so, when and why?

War Measures Act repealed (July 1988)

- Government of Canada apologises for internment of Japanese Canadians during WWII
- Symbolic financial compensation

Ukrainian Canadian Restitution Act (November 2005)

- Created a fund for commemorative and educational projects