

Answer Key
Viewing Guide: Japanese Canadian Internment

Before Viewing

1. What signs of racism towards Japanese Canadians existed prior to World War Two?
 - Asians in BC could not vote
 - Anti-Asian riots in Vancouver
 - Limits on immigration from Japan

During Viewing

2. What event sparked the internment of Japanese Canadians?
 - Japan's attack on United States' naval base at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941
3. Why did the government take away fishing boats and radios from Japanese Canadians?
 - Afraid they would use them to communicate with Japan
4. How did the Battle of Hong Kong increase racism against Japanese Canadians?
 - Japan attacked Hong Kong (British Colony)
 - 2000 Canadian troops were stationed in Hong Kong—800 dead and remainder taken as prisoners of war
 - Japanese Canadians seen as the enemy
5. How were Japanese Canadians treated like criminals?
 - rounded up
 - photographed
 - finger-printed
 - forced to move into camps
6. How did the government justify selling the property of those who were interned?
 - Used to pay for imprisonment / internment
7. What happened to many Japanese Canadians after the war?
 - Repatriated (sent back) to Japan

After Viewing

8. Did Japanese Canadian pose a real threat to Canada during World War Two?
 - Student responses may vary but there is no evidence that Japanese Canadians acted as spies for Japan