



Multiculturalism and Immigration in British Columbia

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This lesson is designed to help you learn about the history of immigration in British Columbia and about multiculturalism in BC. Please follow the instructions carefully and do not click anywhere unless instructed to on the sheet or by your teacher.

Type in the following address in the box beside location:
www.bcarchives.gov.bc.ca/exhibits/timemach/main.htm and click on #5 Multiculturalism. Now read the information and follow the instructions to answer the following questions:

1. What does it mean that Canada is a multicultural and multilingual country? _____

2. What does **Multiculturalism** mean? _____

3. What was Canada the first country to do and what year did this happen in?

4. Click on **Immigrants** on the bar on the left of the screen. Name three of the main reasons that people immigrated to British Columbia.

5. What was Ivar Fougner searching for in BC?

6. Click on **Blacks**. When did Sylvia Estes immigrate to Canada and where did she live?

7. Name three of the hardships the Starks had to deal with when they got to B.C.

8. Click on the **Back** arrow at the bottom and then click on **Doukhobors**. Where were the Doukhobors from?

9. Why did they come to BC?

10. What did they eat?

11. Click on the **Back** arrow at the bottom and then click on **Japanese**. What did many of the Japanese Immigrants do for work?

12. What happened to the Japanese people in BC in 1942?

13. Click on the **Back** arrow at the bottom and click on **Chinese**. What was the voyage to British Columbia like for the Chinese men?

14. What were the many different jobs that Mary Chan's grandfather did?

15. Click on **Back** and then click on **East Indians**. What did the Sikh religion require the men to wear?

16. Click on the **Back** arrow and then click on **Norwegian**. Why did the Norwegian settlers leave Minnesota and where in BC did they settle?



ANSWERS:

1. Canada is made up of people with many different backgrounds, from many different countries and cultures.
2. Multiculturalism: people from a variety of cultures who live together in the same area, who share equal rights and opportunities and who value and celebrate one another's individual differences.
3. Canada was the first country to make multiculturalism official when they passed the Multiculturalism Act in 1988.
4. Immigrants came for economic opportunities (fur trade, farming), to help with the Canadian Pacific Railway or for freedom from oppression in their own country.
5. He wanted a home of his own where he can be content and he wanted peace of mind.
6. She moved to Saltspring Island in 1860.
7. They had to build a house, they survived smallpox, learned to live with their Indian neighbors and had to protect their children from cougars.
8. They were from Russia.
9. The Doukhobors were fleeing religious oppression as they believed that it is wrong to kill and refused to join the army.
10. They ate borscht, potatoes, and yogurt but mostly soup.
11. They were shopkeepers, farmers, and fishers or worked in fish canneries.
12. Because of the war, Japanese immigrants were sent inland to internment camps for the duration of the war and were forced to leave behind their homes, their work and their possessions.
13. The voyage took two months on crowded ships where they were fed only rice and tea.
14. He first looked for gold, then worked on the railroad, then raised chickens and pigs and later became a gardener.
15. The men had to wear turbans, beards and swords.
16. The Norwegian settlers left Minnesota because they weren't earning enough money and they didn't feel at home on the prairies. They moved to Bella Coola.