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Landscapes of Injustice

Landscapes of Injustice was a research and public history project through the University of Victoria, exploring the dispossession of Japanese Canadians as part of their forced displacement and internment in the 1940s.



We are grateful to be presenting on Treaty 1 land
known as First Nations Territory as well as the
homeland of the Red River Metis.

We acknowledge and respect the Lekwungen
peoples on whose traditional territory the
University of Victoria stands and the Songhees,
Esquimalt, and WSÁNEĆ peoples whose historical
relationships with the land continue to this day.

○ What do you notice?
○ What do you wonder?



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Anti-Asian Riots





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War Measures Act

- 100 mile protection zone
- Japanese Canadians must report to Hastings Park
- War ended: exile to Japan or move east of the Rockies
- 1948 right to vote
- 1949 the last bill restricting movement is rescinded



Hastings Park

- 8000 Japanese Canadians were interned at Hastings Park
- “Housed” in exhibition buildings and livestock stables



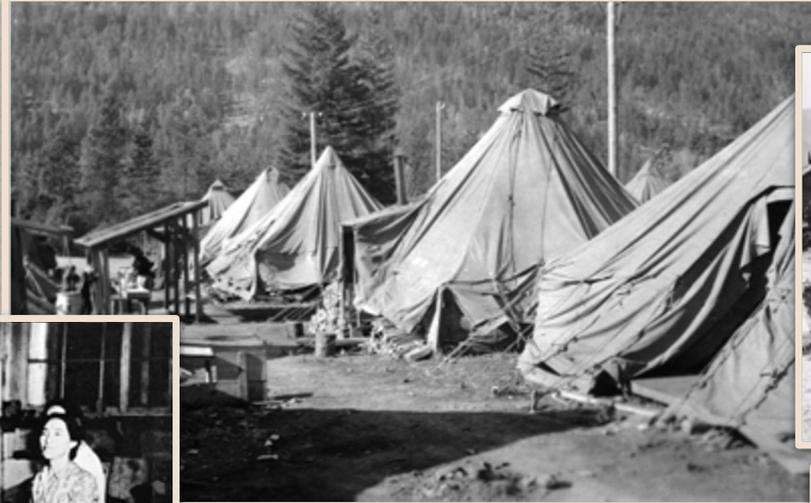
- Men separated from women and children
- Temporary stay on the way to more permanent settlements
- One suitcase per person

Incarceration/Internment Camps in B.C. Interior



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- Ghost towns, farms, parks
- Harsh winters, unprepared
- Built own shelters
- Paid for own imprisonment from forced sale of businesses and homes



Seizure and Forced sale of property



Redress



- April 14, 1988 Ottawa rally by supporters of Japanese Canadians Redress
- September 22, 1988 Prime Minister Mulroney and Art Miki, sign the Redress Agreement

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Hastings Park



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