

“Could this happen in Canada again?”

Discussing racism and xenophobia in Canada

What to do

Visit each of the stations and fill out the corresponding questions on your sheet. These questions are designed mostly for comprehension (what happened?). Each person needs to write down the answers to the questions.

Stations

Station 1 Questions: Order-in-Council

1. What are some of the restrictions that were placed on Japanese Canadians by this notice? (What are they not allowed to do?)
2. What duties must Japanese Canadians comply with according to this notice? (What must they do?)
3. Think: what rights are being denied to Japanese Canadians by this notice?

Station 2 Questions: Identification

1. How many ways were Japanese Canadians identified on these cards?
2. Why do you think they were forced to carry identification cards?
3. Why do you think they were required to carry the cards after the end of World War II?

4. Why are they incarcerated here instead of an internment camp? How could this have been justified by the Canadian government?
5. What do you think the circles (on the backs of their jackets) are for?

Station 3: Movement

1. Where was the first stop for many Japanese-Canadians facing internment?
2. Why do you think the government wanted to relocate Japanese-Canadians away from the coast?
3. Each person could only bring one suitcase, maximum weight 150 lbs. for adults, 75 lbs. for children. Each person from your group needs to list one item that is important to them that they would not want to leave behind.

Station 4: Mr. Inouye

1. Why is Mr. Inouye upset in the letter?
2. Why does Mr. Inouye take the time to point out that he is an "ex-serviceman"?
3. How did the government respond to Mr. Inouye's letter?