

Socials 10

Video: The Valour and the Horror: Savage Christmas: Hong Kong 1941
(15 marks)

Name: _____

The video: https://www.nfb.ca/film/savage_christmas_hong_kong_1941/

1. After watching the video...why do you think the stories of what happened in Hong Kong were suppressed in Canada?
2. The Winnipeg Grenadiers and the Royal Rifles were classified as "unfit for combat" WHY?
3. Describe the stereotype the Canadians have of the Japanese?
4. Describe the stereotype the Japanese have of the Canadians once they overrun St. Stephen's and round up the soldiers?
5. How did the Canadian POWs sabotage the building of the Hong Kong International Airport?
6. What happened with the POWs who were being slowly starved on the rice diet?
7. What happened to the Red Cross parcels of food and medicine that were sent to the POWs from Canada?

8. What happened to the four POWs who escaped from the POW camp? How did the camp deal with the threat of escape with the remaining POWs?

9. After a year the POWs were sent to Japan. How were they transported?

10. Once in Japan, what two places were the POWs forced to work as slave labourers?

11. When Bob Manchester has dinner with the former Japanese soldiers, what happens when Manchester brings up the issue of atrocities?

12. When the POWs returned back to Canada, what was the first thing Bob Manchester did after being reunited with his family?

13. Why do you think the Canadian embassy doesn't want any public honour (like bringing in a bugle) paid to the Hong Kong veterans buried in the cemetery in Japan?

14. Bob Clayton (the shorter Bob)...why do you think he is still upset about what happened in 1941?

15. Do you think the Hong Kong veterans were treated well by the Canadian government after the war? Explain.