

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

DATE: _____

Dear Student:

On Christmas Day 1941, the island of Hong Kong surrendered to the Japanese. Canadian soldiers who had been fighting in the defence of this British colony became Japanese Prisoners of War. In the years that followed, Canadian prisoners endured hardships, malnutrition, inhumane conditions and unspeakable atrocities.

Your mission today is to learn about the Prisoner of War Camps

Read the Guide to Prisoner of War Camps provided and answer the questions on the next few pages. This guide must be returned to your teacher by the end of class today. It is not allowed to leave the classroom.



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THE BATTLE OF HONG KONG

1. Which two battalions were sent to the defence of Hong Kong?

2. Name two reasons why the Canadians were defeated?

a) _____

b) _____

3. Place the correct number from the box below with the correct statistic:

12,000	1,975	1,428
290	493	1,685

a) Number of Canadians Captured _____

b) Number of Canadians Wounded _____

c) Number of Canadian Troops _____

d) Number of British/Indian Troops _____

e) Number of Canadians Killed _____

f) Number of POW's who returned to Canada _____

PRISONER OF WAR CAMPS

1. Using the dictionary, define Prisoner of War:

2. What are the names of two Prisoner of War Camps? What are their locations?

3. Using the description given of North Point Camp, give five reasons why it was considered a "stinking mess!"

THE GENEVA CONVENTION AND BUSHIDO

1. Define the following terms:

a) Mutatis Mutandis: _____

b) Bushido: _____

2. Under the Bushido code, what was considered shameful? _____

3. How did the Japanese concept of Bushido influence the way the Japanese treated the Canadian Prisoners of War?

4. How did the Japanese “punish” their captives?

THE CONDITIONS

1. How many Canadian soldiers died in the Prisoner of War Camps?

2. What were the conditions of the buildings the men were housed in?

3. What did the men have to do when no latrines (toilets) were available? What floated along the sea wall?

4. Give three reasons why the sleeping quarters were uncomfortable?

5. What were Kongs? What were they used for?

6. What bugs bothered the POW's? Which one was the most hated?

7. Name two ways the men tried to kill the vermin.

BRUTALITIES

1. Name three brutalities that the Canadian POW suffered at the hands of their Japanese captors

2. What was Tenko?

3. What would Canadian Soldiers do at the fence line?

4. What would be considered an important commodity for the POW's? Why?

5. Were the Canadians the only target of Japanese brutality? Who else?

FOOD AND RATIONS

1. Respond to the follow questions by either circling true or false:

a) The topic of food generally became an obsession	T	F
b) The portions were based on a western diet	T	F
c) The main staple of their diet was rice	T	F
d) Sick prisoners were given more food	T	F
e) Food was overcooked to be mean	T	F
f) Food was often infested with worms and other things	T	F
g) Rice was usually soaked in water to soften it	T	F
h) The prisoners were often left to capture their own food	T	F
i) Prison cooks were taught how to prepare Japanese food	T	F

j) Their diet consisted of plenty of animal fats and vitamins

T

F

2. What was the effect of this diet on the Canadian Prisoners of War?

DISEASE AND SICKNESS

1. Match the correct description with the correct disease/sickness:

Cholera _____

Wet Beri-beri _____

Dysentery _____

Diphtheria _____

Pellagra _____

Dry Beri-beri _____

- a) Vitamin deficiency disease cause by a lack of protein
- b) Also known as 'electric feet'
- c) Affecting the heart, it is caused by a lack of thiamine
- d) Caused by ingesting food or water with micro-organism that attack the intestines
- e) Caused by contaminated water and food resulting in vomiting and fever
- f) Respiratory disease that is highly contagious

2. What happened to the medication that could be used to treat the POW's?

WORK

1. What did the Japanese make the Canadian POW's do at the following sites:

a) Omaine:

b) From North Point Camp:

c) For Nipon Ko Kon:

d) For Burma-Thailand:

2. What did Prisoners get to eat during the work day?

3. Have Japanese companies ever acknowledge their role in this event? Should they? Why?

ESCAPE

1. Explain why escape from Japanese Prisoner of War camps was difficult?
Give two reasons.

2. What was the punishment if you were caught escaping?

PASSING THE TIME

1. Name two ways the men in the Prisoner of War camp passed the time?

2. What is the reason for the decrease in sports and handicrafts as their time in the prison camp increased?

3. Why were the reports from the Red Cross neutral?

4. What happened to the Red Cross parcels that were to go to the prisoners?

5. How long did it take for a letter to get from a POW to their family?

LIBERATION

1. When did Japan formally surrender?

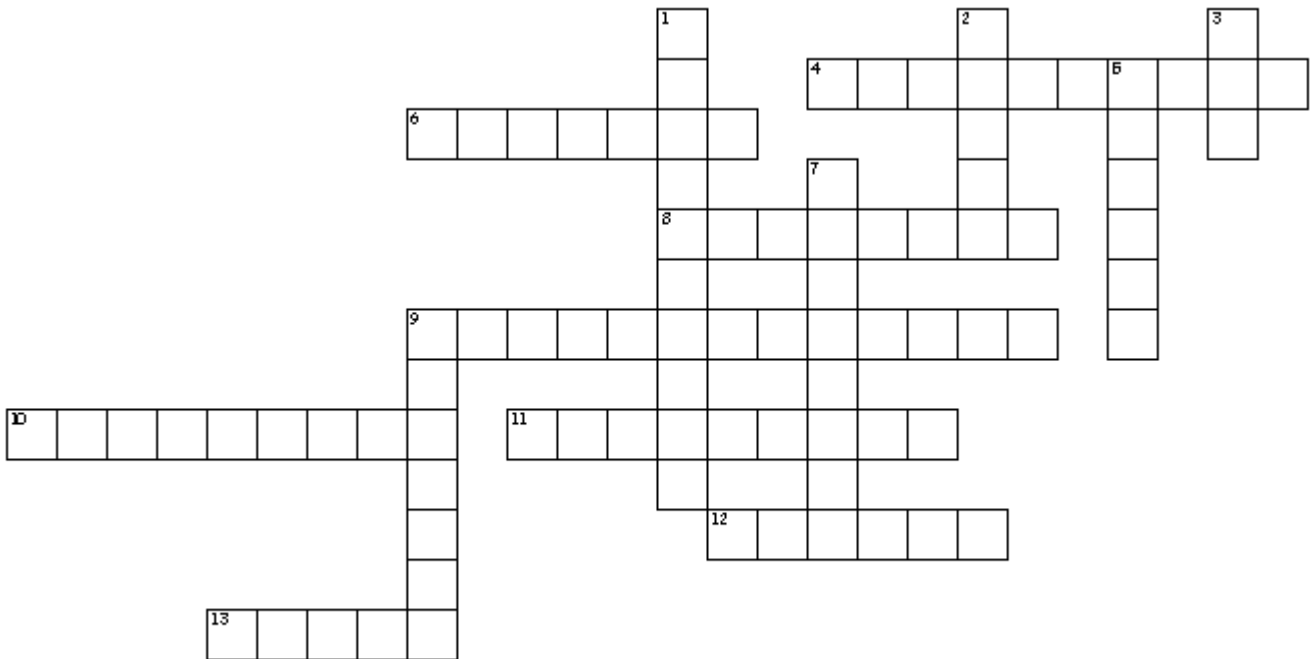
2. What did the Canadian government give in December of 1998? Who refused?

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Review Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN
4. Name of the corporation that owned a shipyard	1. The most precious commodity for the prisoners
6. The most hated insect	2. The term for large kettles
8. A meal of only rice	3. The short form for prisoner of war
9. The name of the railroad that the prisoners worked on	5. The name of the camp where prisoners worked as slave labour in coal mines
10. The day that Hong Kong surrendered	7. The Sinhalese phrase meaning "I cannot, I cannot"
11. Also called bloody flux	9. Term meaning the "way of the warrior"
12. The name of the airport the prisoners worked on in Japan	
13. Term meaning roll call	



Guide to POW Camps – WWII Review Word Search

Answer the questions in the chart then find the answer in the word search below

QUESTION	ANSWER
Name of the POW camp located on the mainland of China	
Name of the Battalions that fought in the Battle of Hong Kong – 2 answers	
Name of the POW camp located on Hong Kong	
Name of the convention that the Japanese violated	
Term for the ancient rules of conduct that Japanese soldiers lived by	
This surrounded the prisoner of war the camps	
The prisoners slept on this type of floor	
This disease was caused by having a diet of only white rice	
The treatment that the POW's experienced were in violation of this document	
This disease resulted in red lesions on the skin	
Soldiers rarely received these from the Red Cross	
A respiratory disease	
At the Omaine camp, POW's mined for this item	
The short form for Post-traumatic Stress disorder	
This topic often became one of obsession	

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