

BLACK HISTORY MONTH QUIZ

What do you know about the history of Black People in Canada, and particularly British Columbia?

These questions are being asked, so that you can be aware of what you know about this part of our history.

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WHAT FORMER MUSQUEAM CHIEF, WAS RECENTLY ON THE VANCOUVER POLICE BOARD?

Wendy Grant

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WHAT WAS THE NAME OF THE FIRST BLACK PERSON KNOWN TO HAVE ARRIVED IN WHAT IS NOW CALLED CANADA, HAVING ARRIVED IN THE EARLY 1600'S, WITH SAMUEL DE CHAMPLAIN?

Mathieu de Costa

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WHEN WAS SLAVERY ABOLISHED THROUGHOUT THE BRITISH COLONIES, WHICH INCLUDED CANADA, THROUGH AN IMPERIAL ACT. (THE DATE IS NOW RECOGNIZED AS EMANCIPATION DAY IN CANADA)?

It was abolished August 28th, 1833, but came into force until August 1st, 1834. Emancipation Day is recognized in Canada on August 1st.

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WHO WAS THE FIRST GOVERNOR OF THIS TERRITORY?

James Douglas, a person of mixed descent, was the first governor of these territories. Sir James Douglas Elementary in Vancouver is named after him.

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WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE SHIP THAT BROUGHT A GROUP OF BLACK SETTLERS, FROM CALIFORNIA TO WHAT IS NOW VANCOUVER ISLAND IN THE MID 1800'S?

The Commodore

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A) DEAS ISLAND AND ONCE TUNNEL IS NAMED AFTER WHO? B) WHAT IS HE KNOWN FOR ESTABLISHING IN B.C./CA?

A) John Sullivan Deas B) A tinsmith, helped establish the first cannery on the West Coast and Canada, canning salmon.

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NAME ONE OF THE EARLY BLACK PIONEER FAMILY'S THAT HAVE A STREET NAMED AFTER THEM IN WHAT IS NOW GASTOWN? CAN YOU NAME A BUILDING NAMED AFTER ANOTHER BLACK PIONEER FAMILY IN THAT EARLY PART OF OLD VANCOUVER.

A) The Alexander's, others. B) the Sullivan Block

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WHO WAS THE FIRST BLACK VPD OFFICER IN THIS CITY.

In 1969, Bruce Clarke became the first person of Black African descent to join the VPD.