

Deport

“Anyone suspected of being an “enemy alien” or a threat to the government could be imprisoned, or deported, or both.”

To send a person back to his/her country of origin.

Disenfranchised

“Already a disenfranchised (lacking rights) minority group... the branding of Japanese Canadians as enemy aliens... left a painful imprint on the community.”

To be deprived of basic legal rights.

Enemy alien

“No evidence indicated that they supported Japan in the war, nor did the government consider these enemy aliens a security risk.”

A national living in a country that is at war with his/her homeland.

Habeas corpus

“The government also had the power to limit the freedom of Canadians... It suspended habeas corpus, which meant police could detain people without laying charges.”

The right of a detained person to be brought before a judge or other official to decide whether the detention is lawful.

Internment camp

“More than 8500 people were held in isolation in internment camps.”

A government-run camp where people who are considered a threat are detained.

War Measures Act

“To meet the demands of war, Prime Minister Borden introduced the War Measures Act in 1914.”

An act that gives the federal government emergency powers during wartime, including the right to detain people without laying charges.