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Disasters in Canada: Hurricane Hazel and the Tainted Blood Scandal Questions

Use the “Hurricane Hazel (The Canadian Encyclopedia)” handout to answer these questions

1. Hurricane Hazel remains Canada's deadliest hurricane. Where and when did it strike? Why did it cause such devastation? What impact did it have on people?

2. Describe the formation and path of Hurricane Hazel from October 5 to October 15, 1954.

3. How prepared were Toronto residents to deal with Hurricane Hazel? In what ways do you think people can prepare for a hurricane?

4. How did flooding caused by Hurricane Hazel's rainfall affect Toronto residents and infrastructure?

5. Were rescue efforts during this disaster successful? Explain.

6. What lessons do you think people can learn from this disaster?

7. What actions have been taken by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority regarding flood control and floodplain management?

Use the “Krever Inquiry (The Canadian Encyclopedia)” handout to answer these questions

8. Describe Canada’s worst ever preventable public health disaster. How many people were affected?

9. HIV destroys white blood cells and makes copies of itself in these cells which are our body’s defence against illness. This makes it harder for a person to fight off infections and diseases. What is hepatitis C?

10. Read the list of decisions and non-decisions by the administrators and regulators of Canada’s blood system that were to blame for the tainted blood scandal. In your opinion, which is the worst? Why?

11. What impact did the tainted blood scandal have on the Canadian Red Cross?

12. On October 4, 1993, the federal government appointed Justice Horace Krever to lead a public inquiry to investigate what went wrong with Canada’s blood supply. What was its principal recommendation?

13. Explain the government compensation provided to the people who were affected by tainted blood.

14. Which people and organizations were criminally charged for their roles in the tainted blood scandal?