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**Discrimination in Canada: No. 2 Construction Battalion and the MS St. Louis: I Can Statements**

1. I can list and provide details about how racism and intolerance can lead to exclusion and becoming a refugee.
2. I can describe the role that Black Canadian men played in the military during the First World War.
3. I can understand how Black Canadian men were treated by the Canadian military during the First World War and how Jews were treated by countries around the world during the interwar years.
4. I can evaluate how important the work of No. 2 Construction Battalion was to the war effort.
5. I can assess whether or not countries have a responsibility to help refugees fleeing from oppressive regimes.
6. I can explain why the Cuban, American, and Canadian governments refused to let Jewish refugees into their countries.
7. I can describe efforts on the part of individuals and groups to fight racism and intolerance.
8. I can define the following key terms:
  - Anti-semitism: An irrational hatred of Jewish people.
  - Citizenship: The position or status of being a citizen of a particular country.
  - Discrimination: The practice of unfairly treating a person or group differently from other people or groups of people.
  - Duckboard: A board consisting of a number of wooden slats joined together, placed so as to form a path over muddy ground or in a trench.
  - Enlist: To join the armed forces as a volunteer.
  - Holocaust: The killing of civilians and especially Jews by the Nazis during World War II.
  - Immigration: An act or instance of coming into a foreign country to live.
  - Jew: A member of the people and cultural community whose traditional religion is Judaism and who trace their origins through the ancient Hebrew people of Israel to Abraham.
  - Kristallnacht: Night of Broken Glass, a program against (persecution of) German Jews that occurred on November 9-10, 1938.
  - Labour: Work, especially hard physical work.
  - MS St. Louis: Ship with 937 Jewish refugees which was refused by Cuba, the U.S., and Canada.

- Nazi: A Member of the National Socialist German Workers Party, which controlled Germany from 1933-1945 under Adolf Hitler and advocated totalitarian government.
- Oppression: Prolonged cruel or unjust treatment or control.
- Persecution: Hostility and ill-treatment, especially because of race or political or religious beliefs.
- Quota: A fixed minimum or maximum number of a particular group of people allowed to do something, such as immigrants to enter a country, workers to undertake a job, or students to enroll for a course.
- Racism: Unfair treatment of people of a particular race in a society especially to the benefit of people of another race.
- Refugee: A person who flees for refuge or safety, especially to a foreign country, as in time of political upheaval, war, or economic turmoil.
- Sanctuary: A place of refuge or safety.
- Segregation: The practice or policy of separating a race, class, or group from the rest of society.
- Trench: A narrow ditch dug by troops to provide a place of shelter from enemy fire.
- Visa: Official government approval for someone to enter the country.