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Terrorism in Canada: Polytechnique Tragedy and the Air India Flight 182 Bombing Questions

Use the École Polytechnique Tragedy (The Canadian Encyclopedia) handout to answer these questions

1. On December 6, 1989, Canada experienced its deadliest mass shooting. Describe what happened.

2. Look at the picture of the memorial plaque outside of the École Polytechnique commemorating the names of the 14 people who were killed. What do you notice about the gender of the victims?

3. The massacre inspired serious conversations on gun control and national firearms laws in Canada that continue today. In your opinion, what laws should be in place to protect our society from gun violence? Consider new regulations regarding prohibited weapons and requirements to obtain a firearms license.

4. How is Dec.6 National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women commemorated?

5. What actions do you think we all can take towards eliminating gender-based violence in our society?

6. How has assigning meaning to the tragedy stirred controversy?

7. Do you agree with the meaning that historian Micheline Dumont assigned to the tragedy? Explain.

Use “Air India Flight 182 Bombing (The Canadian Encyclopedia)” handout to answer these questions

8. Describe Canada’s deadliest terrorist attack. How many people were killed?

9. The leader of a militant Sikh extremist organization called the Babbar Khalsa – Talwinder Singh Parmar – masterminded the attack. Prior to the bombing, how did the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) conduct surveillance on him? What happened when CSIS agents followed him to Duncan, B.C.?

10. One of Parmar’s associates bought two tickets. Which flights were M. Singh and L. Singh booked on?

11. What happened at the Narita Airport on June 23, 1985?

12. Describe the bombing of Air India Flight 182 on June 23, 1985.

13. What might explain why prosecutors at the trial for mass murder referred to Reyat’s testimony in 2003 as a “pack of lies”? What was Justice Josephson’s verdict at the trial? Why?

14. Reyat had already been convicted twice of manslaughter. Why was he convicted again in 2010?