Impact of Residential Schools

1) Complete a personal response to the following statement:

*Residential schools have impacted every Canadian, Aboriginal or not.*

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2) Watch the video *Where are the Children* (27 min) [http://wherearethechildren.ca/en/resources/#507](http://wherearethechildren.ca/en/resources/#507)

Complete the following questions during/after the video:

1. How long were residential schools in existence?

2. What did Duncan Campbell Scott say was the “object” of the schools?

3. On what did the National Indian Brotherhood insist?
4. What were some of the ways the residential school system affected families as described in the video?

5. What do you think are some of the long-term effects of having been in a residential school for the survivors themselves?

6. Paul Andrew, a former residential school student, said: “We can look at all the negatives and talk about all the negatives, but there are also lots of positives.” What do you think were some of the positive aspects of residential school?

7. Think about communities in Northern BC today (e.g. Burns Lake). What social challenges do you see around you that may be a result of so many people having attended residential school?