

THE IMMIGRATION ISSUE

**Immigration has been an issue throughout
Canada's history (and still is today!)**

- What are some controversies surrounding immigration policy? (past or present)
- What are some possible concerns that might be voiced by new arrivals to Canada? (past or present)



Global National - Trudeau apologizes for Komagata Maru incident



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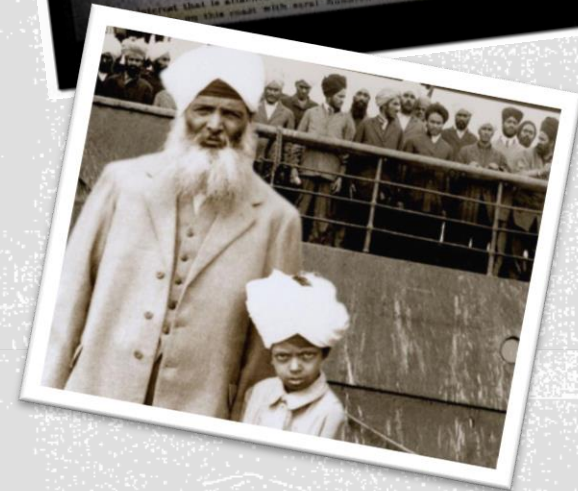
1 MINUTE:

On your own, or with a partner, come up with as many questions as you can about this photograph.

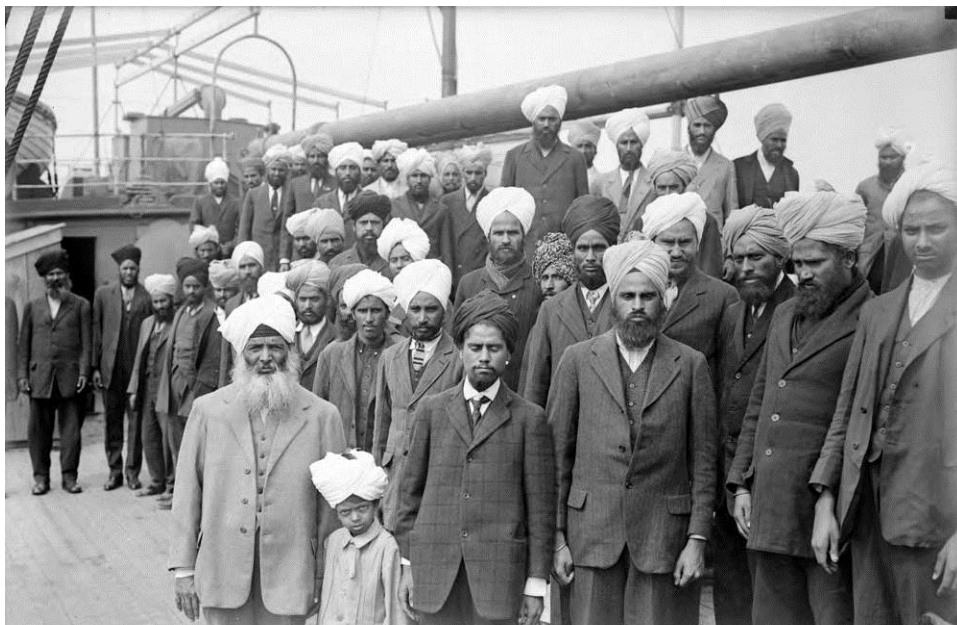


THE KOMAGATA MARU INCIDENT

- Steamship from India
- Arrived in Vancouver's harbour May 23, 1914
- Denied access to Canada
- Reflects deliberate exclusionary immigration policies of Cdn gov't
- Idea that Canada should remain "White Man's Country"





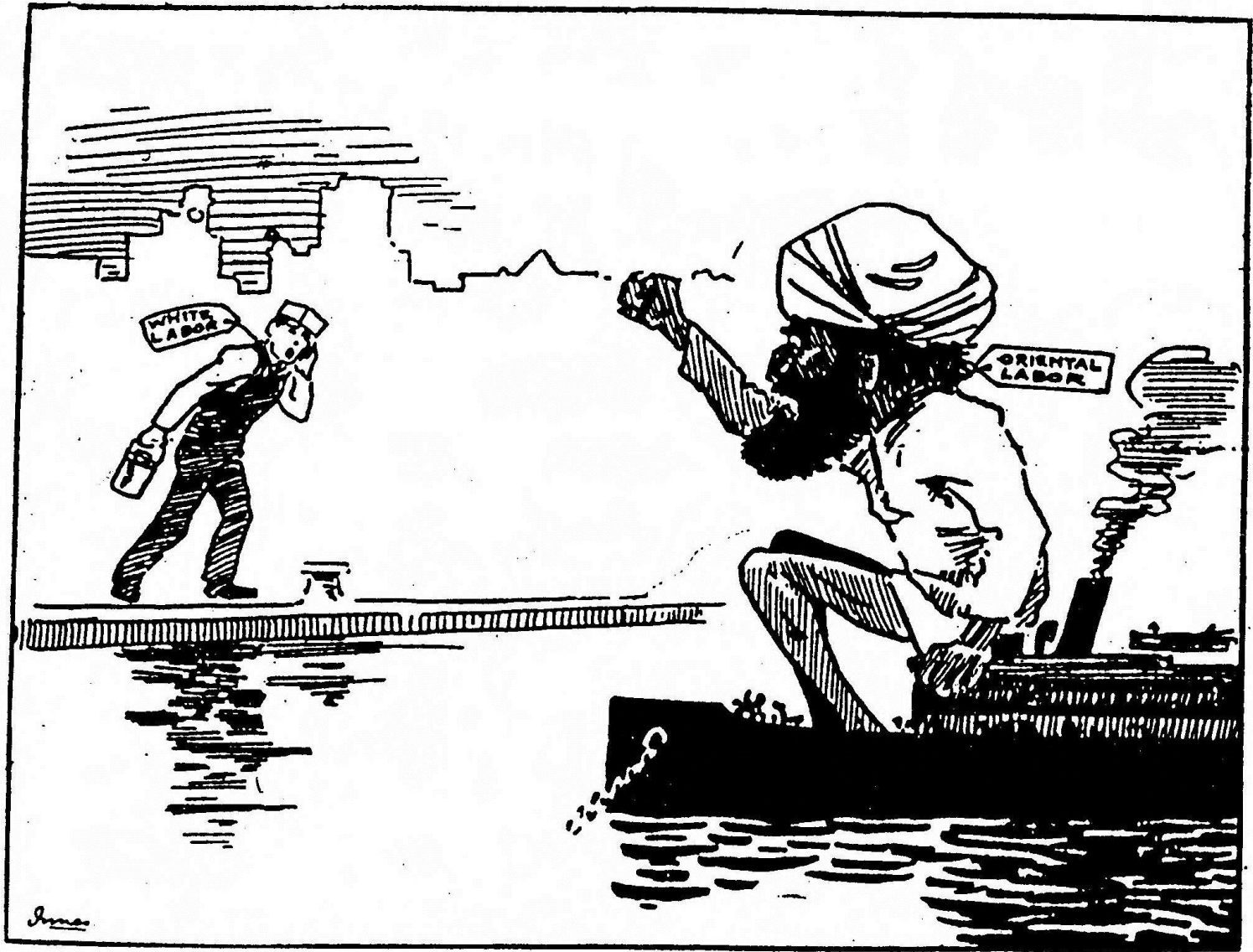


WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

- What motivated the individuals and groups to make the decisions they did?
- We need to understand their attitudes and worldviews to be able to answer that...



Such Is Life



Oriental Labor:—If you don't let me ashore I'll refuse to take anything to eat.

White Labor:—And if we do let you ashore I won't be able to get anything to eat anyway.

DECLARES HINDUS
ARE FILTHIEST

From Sanitary Point of View
Worse Than Lowest
Chinese.

February 17, 1912.

THE MONETARY TIMES

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SHOULD BRITISH COLUMBIA ADMIT THE HINDU?

WANT EQUAL RIGHTS

HINDUS ARE DESIRABLE SETTLERS.

With White People—Control of Hindu Vote—Broad
Question of Desirability of Oriental Immigration.

Protest Should be Against Chinese and Japanese, Not
Against Loyal British Citizens.

BY H. H. STEVENS, M.P.

BY SUNDER SINCH.

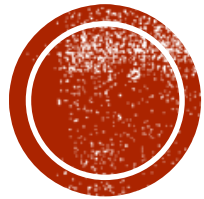
The Hindu does not, as claimed by the delegation to the

There are 4,000 Hindus, or more properly Sikhs, settled



PRIMARY SOURCE ANALYSIS

Reading within a Document:
Making Inferences



IN SMALL GROUPS:

Based on our observations and inferences, record some words that you think summarize the author's attitude

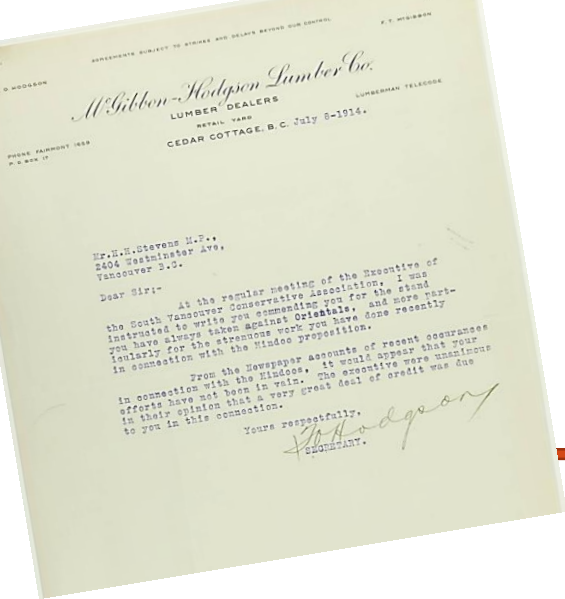
PLACE YOUR WORDS ON THIS SPECTRUM:



Strongly
Supportive
(FOR)

Strongly
Opposed
(AGAINST)





EXAMINE YOUR PRIMARY SOURCE

- Complete the **Reading within a Document** handout
- Share with the class: place the words you came up with on the spectrum



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APOLOGY FOR HISTORICAL WRONGS

- [Government's formal apology](#) (May 18, 2016)
- CBC Article: ["Canada makes 'I'm sorry' a recurring policy"](#)

Response Question:

Canada has committed many “historical wrongs” against groups of people in the past. As we have realized by examining the attitudes of people at the time- racism and discrimination were deeply embedded in society during the period in which this incident occurred (as is the case with many historical wrongs).

1. Do you think we have the right to judge actions or events in the past by our own ethical principles today (when they were clearly very different at the time)? Explain.
2. Do you think apologies to ethnic groups for historic wrongs are the right thing to do? Explain.