

## Questions about Residential Schools

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## Questions about Residential Schools - Teacher Answer Key

### Part 1.

1. How did the Canadian government decide to assimilate Indigenous children? **They put them in Residential Schools**
2. How long were the Residential Schools operated? **Over 100 years**
3. How many Residential Schools were there in Canada? **Over 150.**
4. Who ran the Residential Schools? **The government paid the Churches to run them.**

### Part 2.

5. Name 3 things that happened to the children in the Residential Schools?
  - **Most children were abused.**
  - **Their hair was cut and their belongings were taken**
  - **They were beaten for speaking their own language.**
  - **They were given new names and not allowed to use the names their parents gave them.**
  - **They went to school in the morning and had to work in the afternoon on farms or as cleaners.**
  - **Many died of disease and were buried in unmarked graves.**
  - **Some died trying to escape and to go home**
  - **Some committed suicide.**
6. Did some children have good experiences in Residential Schools? **Yes. They received a good education and were treated well. However, they still were taken away from their family and culture.**

### Part 3.

7. What were the lasting effect on the Indigenous children who attended Residential Schools?

- They received poor education
- They believed it was shameful to be Indigenous
- They couldn't speak their original language, so when they went home they couldn't talk to their grandparents any more.

8. Name 3 examples of the impact Residential Schools had on the next generations?

- joblessness
- poverty
- family violence
- drug and alcohol abuse
- family breakdown
- sexual abuse
- prostitution
- homelessness
- high rates of imprisonment
- early death

### Part 4.

9. What did the churches do in the 1960s? They apologized.

10. What happened in 2007? A class action lawsuit was settled.

11. How much money was awarded to the survivors? \$1.9 billion

What did the Prime Minister Stephen Harper do in 2008? He apologized on behalf of all Canadians for taking the children from their homes and putting them in Residential Schools.