Women and Children’s Contributions to Canadian History

Week 6: Closing the Twentieth Century

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Today’s Lecture

• How do historical records from 1940s to today, differ from earlier sources?

• How did women and children contribute to Canada’s movement towards addressing human rights abuses?
Viola Desmond (1914-1965)

Viola Desmond in her studio, ca. 1938. - Wanda Robson Collection.. Beaton Institute, Cape Breton University.
Viola Desmond (1914-1965)

"It is my great privilege to announce that Viola Desmond will be featured on Canada’s new 10 dollar bill. Her story will remind all of us, and future generations, that big change can start with small moments of dignity and bravery."

Bill Morneau, Minister of Finance

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Eugenics and Involuntary Sterilization in Canada

Provincial Training School, Red Deer, Alberta
Leilani Muir
Eugenics survivor, human rights activist, Albertan.

She became the first eugenics survivor to file and win a lawsuit for having her choice to have children taken away. More than 800 survivors followed her lead and successfully filed claims.
Residential Schools

Cross Lake Indian Residential School in Cross Lake, Manitoba in February 1940. Library and Archives Canada.
Residential Schools

Photo from Shingwauk Residential Schools Centre. Date Unknown.

Residential Schools

They Came for the Children
Women’s Liberation Movement

Voices of Women Canada
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