

Viewing Guide: The Valour and the Horror Savage Christmas

1. Why were Canadian troops sent to Hong Kong? Could the colony realistically be defended?
2. How did the Canadian troops perform in combat?
3. How did the Japanese treat those they captured?
4. What was the condition of Canadian prisoners of war when they were released after the Japanese surrender?
5. What happened to Japanese convicted of war crimes after the war?
6. Why did the attitudes of Western governments toward Japan soften only a few years after the end of the war?

Assignment: Due in two classes. Value: 10 marks

Should the Japanese government pay compensation to prisoners of war who were mistreated by the Japanese during World War II? Why or why not?

Be sure to answer in complete sentences and paragraphs.