Lesson Activity 3 Lesson: Dark Day at Second Narrows

***Student Inquiry: Pick one of the following topics for further research.***

1. **Prepare a chart showing a list of the major bridge failures in Canada, the causes of the failure and the number of resulting deaths.**

[https://www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/bridge-disasters](%20https:/www.thecanadianencyclopedia.ca/en/article/bridge-disasters)

Investigate who paid the clean-up costs of the damaged/destroyed part of the bridge and how cleanup costs were assessed.

1. Review the Coroners Act [SBC 2007] <http://goo.gl/EBjzRf>.

Outline when an inquest must be conducted? What are the powers of investigation of a coroner? When is an Inquest held?

A witness can be compelled to attend and give evidence at an Inquest. Can a witness be compelled to give self-incriminating evidence that could be used in a subsequent criminal or civil proceeding against them? Can evidence introduced at a Coroner’s inquest be introduced into a criminal or civil proceeding?

1. Prepare a brief summary of the [Westray amendments to the criminal code](https://www.ccohs.ca/oshanswers/legisl/billc45.html) and the reasons for them.
2. Investigate and write a short report on how the [BC Healthy School Initiative](file:///C:\Users\waxf\AppData\Roaming\Microsoft\Word\Healthy%20Schools%20BC%20-%20Programs%20&%20Resources%20for%20School%20Health) has been implemented in your school. (check your school district and regional health authority websites)

Workplace Health and Safety Inspections are designed to cover workers in your school but in many instances, they also protect students (eg trip hazards, air quality etc). Examples of guidelines for Health and Safety inspections can be found at these websites.

Occupational Health and Safety Regulations that require the conducting of health and safety inspections: <http://goo.gl/ILpfjx>

BCTF Occupational Health and Safety Manual provides examples of issues that must be investigated. Review the BCTF Health and Safety Manual at [www.bctf.ca](http://www.bctf.ca) and identify examples where when investigations must be initiated.

**Note: As a courtesy, the teacher should speak to the school administration and the BCTF staff rep before assigning this question.**

1. British Columbia Royal and Special Commissions are established by government to investigate important questions. They can take the form of a study commission (should we build a pipeline across northern BC?) or a hearing commission (why did the Second Narrows bridge collapse?). Commissions are established by the Provincial Cabinet of Government which determines the scope of responsibilities and the powers of the commission.

Cabinet is given authority to establish Commissions under the Public Inquiry Act <https://www.leg.bc.ca/learn/legislative-library/library-publications/library-royal-commissions>

Visit the Legislative library and review the list of commission reports between 1872 and 1980. Identify ONE report that isof interest to you and try to determine whether it is a “study” inquiry or “hearing” inquiry.