

Margaret 'Ma' Murray

These questions can help to guide a student's viewing of the Margaret Murray biography.

1. What was 'Ma' Murray's name at birth? Where was she born?
2. Why and why did she immigrate to Canada?
3. How did 'Ma' end up in Vancouver working for George Murray? What was the name of the paper that George Murray owned?
4. What three words do you think best describe Margaret Lally? What three words best describe George Murray?
5. How were Margaret and George opposites?
6. What magazine did Murray write for and what was the significance of it?
7. List the names of the newspapers that Murray wrote for?
8. Describe 'Ma's' writing style.
9. What were some of the complaints about 'Ma's' writing style?
10. What was important to 'Ma' about her writing?
11. What was life like in frontier towns in Canada's west during the early twentieth century?
12. Describe 'Ma's' opinion of the internment of Japanese Canadians during the Second World War. How did this opinion affect her reputation and popularity with readers?
13. Why did 'Ma' leave Lillooet?
14. When was the first time 'Ma' used a dictionary?
15. In your opinion, what were some of 'Ma's' most outrageous statements?
16. At what age was she when she retired (or was fired)?
17. Describe 'Ma's' personality.
18. Why do you think 'Ma' become so popular with her readers?
19. Why do you think 'Ma' became the subject of a stage play?
20. If 'Ma' was alive today, what paper do you think she would write for? Why?