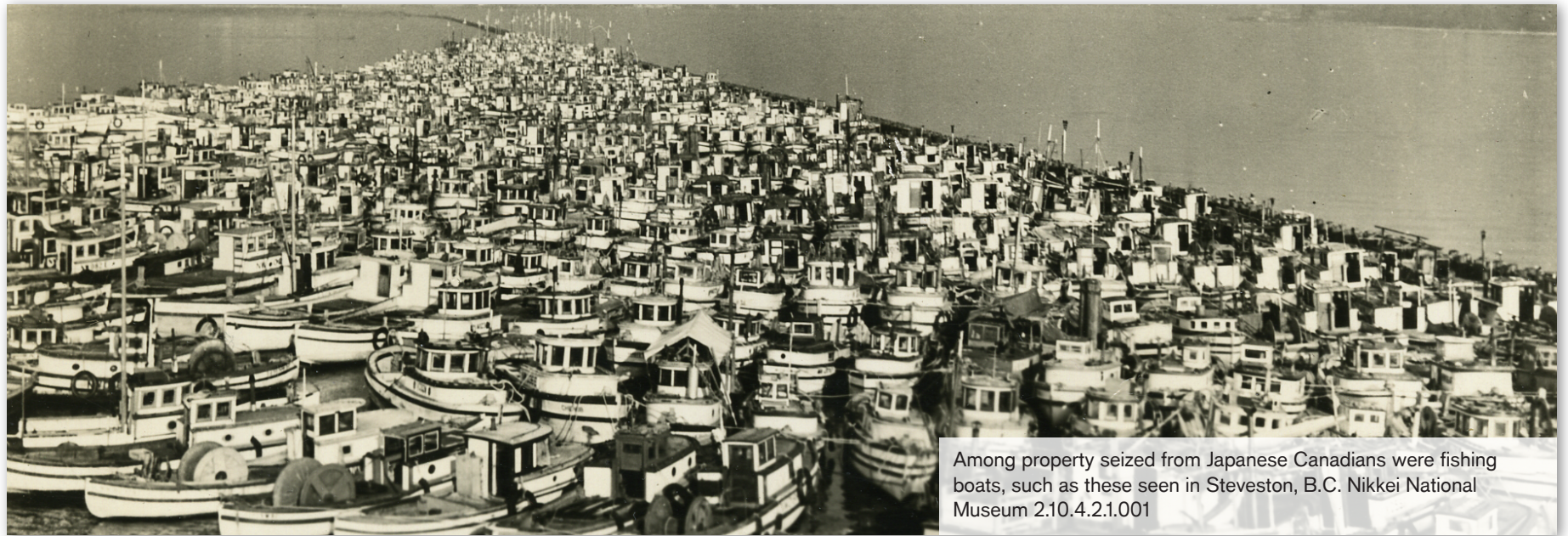


LESSON 3 HANDOUT 3.1 THINK ABOUT IT!

1. Explain how the War Measures Act was used by the government to enact strict measures against Japanese Canadians.
2. What section of the War Measures Act gave the government the authority to control their property? Why was this provision included in the Act?
3. Do you agree that in times of 'war, invasion, or insurrection' that the government should be given absolute power, and to be able to ignore civil rights and property rights?
4. Read the excerpt from O.I.C. PC 1665. What does this section allow the government to do with Japanese Canadian property?
5. Why would the government want to seize, and take trusteeship over the property of Japanese Canadians at this time?
6. Why was it deemed necessary as a 'protective measure' to seize the property of Japanese Canadians?
7. How might Japanese Canadians have felt, after hearing that their homes, businesses, and personal property were going to be seized?



Among property seized from Japanese Canadians were fishing boats, such as these seen in Steveston, B.C. Nikkei National Museum 2.10.4.2.1.001