

3. Introduction to Gastown

A. Exercises and Discussion

Key Vocabulary

Match the vocabulary words on the left with the definitions on the right by writing the correct letter in each blank.

___ sawmill	A pub or bar
___ saloon	B very large increase in number of people
___ invested	C to buy something hoping it will increase in value
___ run-down cabins	D pile of dirt
___ aggregation of filth	E disappeared
___ settlement	F to give someone or something a funny name
___ property speculators	G place where trees are cut into wood for building
___ population exploded	H old, partially broken, small houses
___ vanished	I popular and well-liked
___ nicknamed	J place where people come to live
___ charismatic	K people who buy and sell land for a living

Pre-Listening Questions

- 1) Do you know any places named after famous people?
- 2) What do you think your hometown was like one hundred years ago?

Listening Questions

- 1) How many people were living in Gastown in 1884?
- 2) What effect did the Canadian Pacific Railway have on the way the city developed?
- 3) What does “gateway to Asia” mean?

For Discussion

- 1) What do you think is exported and imported between Asia and Vancouver?
- 2) What kinds of materials are imported and exported across Canada and to Europe?
- 3) What do you think are some problems that occur when the population of a place increases very quickly?