

DOCUMENTARY VIDEO TASK

The Powell Street area in Vancouver, once a thriving community of over 8000 Nikkei, was decimated during WW2. **Nikkei Stories of Powell Street** reanimates the people, places, and events of what was the largest and most vibrant Japanese Canadian centre in Canada. Prior to WW2, the fishing village of Steveston had over 2000 Nikkei. **Nikkei Stories of Steveston** pays tribute to the struggles and successes of Japanese Canadian pioneers and their descendants. (Adapted from: nikkeistories.com)

- A. Watch as many of the NIKKEI STORIES as you can. List three that you watched from Powell Street and three that you watched from Steveston in the table below.

NIKKEI STORIES 日系物語 (につけいものがたり)	
POWELL STREET	STEVESTON
1.	1.
2.	2.
3.	3.

The Nikkei experienced many years of uncertainty, and most did not dare to start telling their stories until decades later. Much of this was due to fear and racism that caused the interned and dispossessed Nikkei to suffer silently.

Sadly, the COVID-19 pandemic has brought out the worst in some people and many Asian Canadians are living in fear and experiencing racism. However, silence is no longer the norm, and it is important that we publicly voice injustices that we have experienced or witnessed. You may not have injustices to report, but you still have your own COVID-19 STORY!

新型コロナウイルス (COVID-19) 物語
(しんがた コロナウイルス ものがたり)

- B. Using Nikkei Stories as an example, produce your own narrated video (under 2 minutes) about your COVID-19 STORY in Japanese! You may choose to share your own personal experiences, or your feelings about the experiences of people around you. It is important that you use personal examples, opinions, desires for the future, etc. so that your story does not become a generic news article. Upload the video into your assignment submission. Landscape orientation is preferred. NOTE: You may need to complete Section B and Section C concurrently.
- C. Include a typed transcript of your oral narrative. You can upload a separate document or type into this task sheet below. Check that you have used a wide range of vocabulary and a variety of sentence patterns. It may help to revisit all your grammar notes from class. Aim for at least 10 quality sentences.