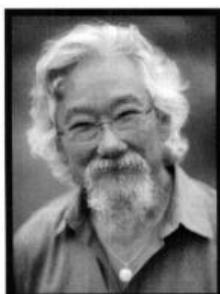


## CLB 3 – Reading Assessment – Famous Canadians – Comprehending Information

**Instructions:** Read the story and answer the questions below.



### David Suzuki

David Suzuki is a famous Canadian scientist. He believes people need to find a way to live with nature. He has worked all his life helping people to understand science and complicated environment issues.

Suzuki has written many books and worked on many TV and radio shows. His most famous TV show is called: *The Nature of Things*. This TV show started in 1979 and has been shown in 50 countries.

Suzuki was born in Vancouver, British Columbia on March 24, 1936. His grandparents were from Japan. His parents were born in Canada. In 1942 Canada went to war with Japan. Many Japanese Canadians were sent to live in government camps because the government did not trust them. Suzuki's father was sent away from his family and the Canadian government sold the Suzuki's family home and the family dry cleaning business. After the war, the Suzuki family moved to London, Ontario.

Suzuki was a very good student. He studied and became a scientist in 1961. In 1963 he became a university professor at the University of British Columbia. In 1970 he began working on a TV show teaching science to children. Later, he did many radio and TV shows about science for adults. He also has written over 40 books about science and nature.

### Questions:

1. David Suzuki is a famous Canadian politician / scientist.
2. He believes people need to find a way to live with nature. True False
3. He has worked all his life helping people:
  - a. Understand science
  - b. Understand complicated environmental issues
  - c. Both – a. and b.
4. Suzuki has written many books / songs.
5. What was the name of his most famous TV show?

6. This TV show started in 1879. True False

7. When was Suzuki born?

- a. Vancouver
- b. 1936
- c. Japan

8. He was born in Vancouver, British Columbia. True False

9. His parents / grandparents were from Japan.

10. His parents were Canadian. True False

11. When did Canada go to war with Japan? 1936 1942 1970

12. Why did the Canadian government send many Japanese Canadians to live in government camps?

- a. Because the food was good there
- b. Because the government did not trust them
- c. Because they liked living outdoors

13. Suzuki's father was sent away from his family. True False

14. What are 2 things the Canadian government sold that belonged to the Suzuki family? (2pts)

- i. \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. \_\_\_\_\_

15. After the war, the Suzuki family stayed in Vancouver. True False

16. Suzuki was a very good student / cook.

17. When did he become a university professor? 1961 1963 1970

18. What did he begin working on in 1970?

- a. A TV show teaching science to children
- b. A book for children
- c. A radio rock music show

19. He has written 60 books, True False

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