

## What do you Think Should Happen?



| Audio | Word           | Definition | «--- Move:                                             |
|-------|----------------|------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
|       | RCMP (n)       | ★          | required/mandatory                                     |
|       | asset (n)      | ★          | to explain the meaning of something                    |
|       | interpret (v)  | ★          | to not allow                                           |
|       | turban (n)     | ★          | strong belief in something                             |
|       | dress code (n) | ★          | Royal Mounted Canadian Police (Federal Police Force)   |
|       | forbid (v)     | ★          | something important                                    |
|       | uniform (n)    | ★          | the rules about how to dress at work                   |
|       | compulsory (a) | ★          | a man's headdress especially worn by Muslims and Sikhs |
|       | faith (n)      | ★          | clothing required for work                             |

Read the story about Baltej Dhillon and answer the questions.

It's 1983. Baltej Singh Dhillon and his family moves to British Columbia. Dhillon is a Sikh man and studies **criminology** and volunteers with the **Royal Mounted Canadian Police** (the RCMP). He is an **asset** because he can **interpret** between police officers and Asian immigrants. There are many immigrants in B.C. who need interpretation for important legal issues.

It's now 1988. Dhillon decides to formally apply to join the RCMP. He meets all of the entrance requirements; however, the **dress code forbids** beards and wearing a **turban** in place of the **uniform** hat. For many Sikh men, the turban and beard are **compulsory** for their religious **faith**.

### Discussion Questions



1. How was Dhillon beneficial to the RCMP?
2. What did Dhillon do in 1988?
3. What does this mean? -» *"He meets all of the entrance requirements."*
4. Which requirement does Dhillon not meet?
5. What does the story say about the RCMP dress code?
6. What are Dhillon's two main issues?
7. How do you think Dhillon feels about this issue?
8. What should Dhillon do?

