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A PONTIFF'S HEARTFELT APOLOGY

– POPE FRANCIS EXPRESSES SHAME OVER CANADA'S RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

1. When were Residential Schools first established in Canada?

2. How many were open in the 1930s? When did the last Residential School close?

3. How many students attended? Which religious organization ran the majority of these schools?

4. Why were these schools set up? Explain.

5. Describe the conditions in these schools and the treatment of the Indigenous children who attended.

6. What happened to many children who became sick?

7. Name the leader of the Catholic Church.

8. Where is the headquarters of this world-wide religion located?

9. Describe what happened at the Vatican on April 1, 2022.

10. What does the Pope plan to do in July?



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PUTTING IT ALL TOGETHER

A. Write the letter that corresponds to the best answer on the line beside each question:

_____ 1. **How many Indigenous children attended Residential Schools in Canada?**

- a) 65,000
- b) 110,000
- c) 150,000
- d) 375,000

_____ 2. **Which country is the Vatican located in?**

- a) United States
- b) Israel
- c) France
- d) Italy

_____ 3. **Who recently traveled from Canada to visit the Pope?**

- a) Catholic bishops
- b) 30 Indigenous representatives from Canada
- c) the RCMP Commissioner
- d) Volodymyr Zelensky and Justin Trudeau

B. Mark the statements T (True) or F (False). If a statement is True, write one important fact to support it on the line below. If a statement is False, write the words that make it true on the line below.

_____ 4. **True or False?** The last Residential School in Canada closed in 1931.

_____ 5. **True or False?** Pontiff is another name for the Pope.

_____ 6. **True or False?** The Pope plans to visit Canada in July.

C. Fill in the blanks to complete each sentence.

7. The poor treatment of children in Residential Schools has been called

_____ genocide.

8. Over half of Canada's Residential Schools were run by the _____ Church.

9. The purpose of Residential Schools was to _____ Indigenous children into Canadian society.

D. Respond to the following question in paragraph form. *(Use a separate sheet of paper if necessary.)*

10. As you see it, what is the significance of the Pope's apology to Residential School survivors? Give reasons to support your response.
