

TEACHERS QUIZ SHEET-ADVANCED STUDENTS

Prisoners in Arcady exhibition

(answers for teachers in pink)

1) Who were the prisoners? (list the different groups who were interned)
{board 2}

German, Austrian and Hungarian nationals living in Australia; officers from German New Guinea; crew from the 'Emden' and (mainly) officers and engineers from German merchant ships.

2) What was the reaction of the Berrima villagers to the internees and how can this reaction be explained? {board 3}

Generally positive

The close human contact between villagers and detainees, economic benefits, detainees were well-behaved, polite and speak English.

3) What year did the German internees first arrive at Berrima and when did they leave? {board 2, board 19 and exhibition title}

Arrive 1915 leave 1919.

4) What is a zither? {artifact in display case}

A stringed instrument played on the lap.

5) What evidence is there of the internees taking actions to look after themselves and to improve conditions at the camp? {board 6}

The 'Camp Committee organized sports days, work groups, educational activities, excursions, a canteen, cleaning toilets and cells and increasing the water supply.

6) Who is the only internee buried in Berrima cemetery and what was he famous for? {board 7}

Friedrich Machotka. His vegetable gardens.

7) Who was the most popular commander and what evidence can you find that supports your choice? {display cabinets}

Captain Stoddart. The internees made a decorative shield for him.

8) What was “Die Deutsche Tochterschule”? {Board 8}

The German Girls School run by German pastors for the daughters of internees.

9) List some of the activities organized by internees to break the monotony {board 9}

Sports, boat building and sailing, choir, band, orchestra, theatre, gardening, hut building, education, carpentry.

10) How were female roles handled in the camp plays? {board 10}

Performed by male actors.

11) Where did band members end up having to rehearse? {board 11}

In the cellar or in the bush.

12) If the Camp commandant wandered into the solitary confinement cell why would he have got quite a shock? {board 13}

It was filled with empty alcohol bottles.

13) What was the ‘crow’s nest’ used for? {board 13}

For spotting approaching guards who might be searching for ‘moonshine’.

14) How has the canoe on display in the museum changed over the years and why do you think this is? {display, board 15}

Darker, rougher, split and weathered

Age and weathering from being at bottom of river.

15) What materials did the internees use to make their huts? {board 16}

Timber and bark, termite mud, kero tins, newspapers, grass, stone, jam and milk tins.

16) Why did the Villa Marcella burn down? {board 16}

The builder's girlfriend (Marcella) wrote that she had found another boyfriend and he set fire to it!

17) Name one controversial poster done by Otto Mönkedieck and explain why it may have been upsetting to Australians. {board 16 and pictures on walls}

The Kaiser or Franz Joseph's or King Karl's Birthday Festival posters. They were leaders of the countries Australia was at war with.

18) How did 'Prince' enhance the reputation of the internees with locals? {board 18}

The rescue of the horse showed the internees to be capable, resourceful and willing to help locals.

19) What evidence is there that the internees were treated well? {board 19}

Captain Kuhlken later returned to Berrima and said "I never had anything to complain about and the guards gave me as much freedom as possible".

20) Why was the film made of Berrima internment camp never shown? {TV screen}

The government did not want to give the impression it had been too lenient with the German internees while Australian soldiers had been fighting and dying.

And for the really bright ones.....

21) What relationship did departing internees have with the 'Titanic'? {board 19}

They travelled on a White Star Line ship- the same company which ran the 'Titanic'.

22) What was the camp originally called that would later have ironic associations for German prisoners? {board 5}

Berrima Concentration Camp.