

The Alaska Highway: A Yukon Perspective
Chapter 3: Impacts of The Alaska Highway
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Reaction Guide

Read the following statements concerning the impacts of the Alaska Highway on the Yukon.

Put a check next to the statements you agree with.

_____ 1. The Americans did a superb job in building a relatively straight, level and smooth highway.

_____ 2. Yukoners were delighted to see the American troops who brought with them additional supplies to share with the locals.

_____ 3. Dawson City was the capital city of the Yukon but in 1953 the capital was moved to Whitehorse.

_____ 4. The highway workers brought with them diseases such as measles and meningitis resulting in numerous deaths among the native population.

_____ 5. The high consumption of alcohol by men in the highway camps affected the social behaviour of native people.

_____ 6. First Nations families started moving closer to communities because there were jobs available during the construction of the Alaska Highway.

_____ 7. One of the benefits of the new highway was improved communication and transportation which helped First Nations better organize themselves politically.

_____8. Any oil leaks from the CANOL pipeline project were immediately dealt with and the environmental hazards were considered very low.

_____9. The Alaska Highway has brought an increase in both mining and tourism to the Yukon.

_____10. The Alaska Highway continues to be a dusty, gravel, winding road along many parts.