

Historical Walking Tour of the City of Vancouver

For this assignment, you will be taking a guided walking tour of some of the oldest portions of the city of Vancouver. This field trip is something you can do on your own or in pairs or threes. Please do not do the tour in groups larger than three as you will be intruding on the local peoples' space. Remember that you are a guest in the areas you are going to visit and you should therefore respect the local area and people. Once you have completed the walking tour you should complete the questions below and submit your answer as a word document.

In order to complete the walking tour please use the following instructions:

1. You should start your tour at the North facing entrance steps to the Vancouver Art Gallery, this is the side facing West Georgia Street. In order to get here from UBC you should take the number 44 bus and get off at Burrard and Robson Street. Walk down Robson Street in the direction of Granville Street until you reach Hornby Street, turn left and you will see the Art Gallery on your right. Please make sure you start the tour from the North side entrance of the Gallery the entrance facing West Georgia Street. Please see the map below.

2. You will receive a link based on whether you have an iPhone or an Android phone. Click on the link and do the following before leaving campus:

- Make sure you are connected to Wifi
- Download the App onto your phone - the app needs to download audio/image files, which can take a few minutes depending on your connection
- Your location needs to be turned on
- Click on Vantage Geog 121 tour
- On first launch, press the reset button to make sure you have the latest location information.
- ENSURE you have 100% battery power when you leave campus – take your charger if you are concerned about your battery power
- Make your way to the starting point at the Art Gallery – instructions are on your worksheet
- Once you are at the starting Point A (the blue flag) the audio will start playing automatically
- Please make sure you listen to the audio completely before moving onto the next point. The next flag will only appear once you have listened to the current audio completely
- The audio will stop if your screen goes to sleep. It will start again if you unlock the screen again. Most clips are 3 minutes or less, so one option is to set your sleep setting higher.
- Ensure you have your maps with you for reference
- The audio tour will take approximately 2 hours

The tour will guide you along a route that takes you from Vancouver's oldest point through Chinatown towards the water. At each point you will hear about different aspects of the city's development, especially the role of the Canadian Pacific Railroad and labour migration in shaping the distinctive neighborhoods.

Worksheet

Once you have completed the walking tour you must complete the four questions below and submit them as a Word Document. Each answer should be about 100-200 words.

1. What do you notice about the two sides of the train tracks at junction Taylor Street and West Pender Street? Think about what you heard on the audio file when you were standing there. Why do you think these areas are divided this way?

2. Choose one of the mural characters you heard about and briefly explain their contribution to the history of the city of Vancouver.

3. Your walking trip today should have given you some insight into what Vancouver was like roughly 100 years ago. To think more about how the city has changed as well as about what might still be the same, please consult The Independent, an old Vancouver newspaper with digitized editions available through UBC from the years 1900-1903: Choose a random edition of the paper between these years, available at the following site:
<http://historicalnewspapers.library.ubc.ca/info/collection/independent> (note: you may need to be on campus or logged into the UBC system to see these files). Look through the stories on the front page of the paper on the date you chose:
 - What did you learn about Vancouver from reading the paper?
 - What issues were important at the time?
 - Are any of those issues still important today? Why or why not?