**The Significance Of The Halifax Explosion**

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The Halifax Explosion was an incredibly significant event for Canada during World War 1.

The Halifax Explosion created an incredibly significant change in Canadian history during World War I. The residents of Halifax’s were affected deeply. *“This explosion caused significant deaths, wounds, and homelessness”* (Primary Source #1) . In the explosion many lost their homes, lives, family members which brought a deep sadness and poverty to the affected area. Secondly, many people have been affected deeply. *“2000 deaths, 5000 homeless, and 9000 severely wounded”* (Primary Source: #1) & (Secondary Source: #4). This tells us that thousands of citizens in Halifax have been severely affected. This situation disrupted the lives of people living in Halifax as well as the soldiers participating in the war whose families lost everything in the explosion. Thirdly, this event had many long-lasting consequences. *“Newspapers around the world carried headlines like the Explosion Horror impacting residents for a long period of time”* (Secondary Source: #2). It proves that the severity of this event had impacted the whole world. The terrible loss was acknowledged by many countries. Overall, the Halifax Explosion made a major switch for Canada during World War I.

The Halifax explosion has revealed many things for Canada during World War 1. Firstly, this reveals that the United States Of America had inadequate shipping laws and regulation that did not take care of the safety of ships carrying hazardous chemicals and hence responsible for causing a major explosion. *“The collision was used as an example to show US navy personnel what not to do”*(Secondary Source #4). The explosion could have been avoided with proper safety checks if their could have been adequate regulations and rules. They did not have adequate and updated shipping laws that could describe the safety rules and precautions to be taken while carrying hazardous chemicals. Secondly, this revealed the need of new scientific studies related to chemicals and consequences of improper handling of these chemicals as well as safety measures to be taken against it. *“Pushed progress in science in various medical areas: Medicine, psychology*, *psychiatry, etc.”* (Secondary Source: #1). This tells us that due to this explosion, there was a need to do a research about explosive chemicals to find proper resources to prevent these explosions in the future and the precautions to be taken to carry explosive chemicals on ships. Thirdly, it reveals that this explosion brought required changes in marine law in Canada as well as other areas. *“Marine law in Canada and around the world now includes detailed reporting systems, strict regulations on dangerous* *goods, and professional harbour traffic management”* (Secondary Source: #1). This shows that with these strict regulations and reporting systems, these types of explosions can be prevented in the future. Overall, the Halifax Explosion has divulged a countless number of things for Canada during World War I.

If this explosion were to be in a story of Canada and World War 1, it would be the rising action which would make it more significant. Firstly, *“The world divided into before and after the explosion”* (Primary Source: #11). This makes it super significant because the explosion in Halifax made it worse for Canada and other countries like Britain. Secondly, this caused citizens are too dazed and weak to recall what happened on that morning. *“Appalling magnitude of the tragedy which has plunged the* *community in Grief”* (Primary Source: #2). This makes it more significant because the explosion caused deaths, homelessness and wounded the injured residents that took the entire region in grief, shock, and daze. Thirdly, there was a huge economical loss during the explosion. *“It involved a property loss from $12 to $15 million because* *someone blundered, or worse”* (Primary Source: #1). This is incredibly significant because the explosion even caused buildings to get destructed which led to a huge property loss during the explosion. Overall, the Halifax Explosion would be in the rising action of a story of Canadian history and World War 1 in an important manner.

Overall, the Halifax Explosion is an event to be remembered for Canada during World War 1.