



R. H. Gray VC – **Fact quest** - Question sheet

Name: _____

Date: _____

Read the following article about Robert Hampton Gray and answer the questions below.

- [Robert Hampton Gray, VC](#) article on The Canadian Encyclopedia website

1. What was Robert Hampton Gray's date of birth and where was he born?

2. How many siblings did Gray have?

3. In what conflict did his father served?

4. Name two universities where Robert studied.

5. When did Robert join the Royal Canadian Naval Volunteer Reserve and when did he get commissioned as a sub-lieutenant?

6. In what American-built aircraft was Robert trained to fly in Britain?

7. Which squadron of the Royal Navy did Robert join in August 1944?

8. What is the name of the German battleship attacked by Robert Gray and other pilots on 29 August 1944?

9. What aircraft carrier that Robert Gray served on was sent to the Pacific in April 1945?

10. What action earned Robert Gray a Distinguished Service Cross?

11. On what date was the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima?

12. What was the name of the Japanese warship sunk by Robert Gray on 9 August 1945?

13. What military decoration was Robert Gray posthumously awarded for his brave actions on 9 August 1945?

14. What is unique about the granite cairn honouring Robert Gray that overlooks Onagawa Bay?

15. In what year was a bust of Robert Gray put on display in downtown Ottawa as part of The Valiants Memorial?

Considering that the Second World War was almost over when Robert Gray lost his life during his last mission, do you think the continuing Allied assaults on enemy forces were the right thing to do? Justify your response.