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Go to:
https://densho.org/

Click on "Discover the History of WWII Incarceration"
There are several subsections including: A Community Grows, Despite Racism, Looking Like the Enemy, American Concentration Camps, Japanese Americans Responses to Incarceration, Righting a Wrong, and Why Does This Matter Now?

Start with A Community Grows, Despite Racism. Read through each section and answer the questions below. Be sure to watch the video that goes with each section.

A Community Grows, Despite Racism

1. Why did many Japanese immigrants come to the United States? What types of jobs did they work?

2. Describe some of the types of discrimination that Japanese Americans faced.

3. In the video, Frank Yamasaki shares a personal story from his childhood. What happens to him at the Crystal Pool in Seattle?

4. Explain some of the federal laws that discriminated against Japanese Americans.

Looking Like the Enemy

5. What were "custodial detention lists"?

6. Which cabinet official was opposed to Executive Order 9066?

7. In the video, Akiko Kurose's story is shared. She was a high school student when Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese Empire. How did this impact her?

8. From the video, which American children's author fueled the anti-Japanese sentiment during WWII with his political cartoons?

American Concentration Camps

9. List some of the cities where "assembly centers" were located.

10. Explain how the incarceration camps were operated.

11. From the video, which camp was called, "Camp Harmony"?

12. From the video, describe Masao Watanabe's feelings about being incarcerated during WWII.

Japanese Americans Responses to Incarceration

13. Name 3 of the people who challenged their incarceration during WWII.

14. From the video, explain why Gordon Hirabayashi decided to challenge all the government actions that were being taken against the Japanese Americans.

15. From the video, how many men from the incarceration camps volunteered to fight in the war?

16. From the video, when the federal government started drafting young men from the incarceration camps, what was Frank Yamasaki's reaction?

17. From the video, what happened to the 300 young Japanese American men who resisted the draft during WWII?

Righting a Wrong

18. From the video, at the end of WWII what happened to the people who were incarcerated in the camps?

19. From the video, which American president signed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988?

Why Does This Matter Now?

20. What does the term “densho” mean in Japanese?

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