

“WE THE PEOPLE”

The Incarceration of Japanese Americans Program #2 (Length: 21:40 Min)

Viewers may want to discuss what they're thinking/feeling before and after suggested discussion questions.

Suggestions for Discussion

1. Why did the Japanese people go to the camps without incident?
2. What was the central reason why the US government incarcerate Japanese-Americans citizens?
3. How would you and your family build a life for yourselves under similar circumstances?
4. What kind of food would they have to have to eat in camp?
5. What kind of food would they be used to, culturally?
6. In what ways did adults try to normalize their existence in confinement?
7. Why was “Gaman” so important?
8. What were the reasons #27 and #28 on the government questionnaire was so divisive?
9. What were the main differences between Assembly Centers and Incarceration Camps?
10. How would social media have changed these events?
11. How would you know/find out what was true?

Photos you may want to discuss:

Japanese-American Families in Trucks

Architectural Plans of Camp

Photos of Camp life

Scenes of Living Quarters

Soldier leaving for military service

Incarceration Camps to Research or Visit:

Tule Lake and Manzanar, CA

Minidoka, ID

Topaz, UT

Heart Mountain, WY

Granada, CO

Poston and Hila River, AZ

Rohwer and Jerome, AK

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