

## **“WE THE PEOPLE”**

**Go for Broke!** Program #3 (Length: 14:35)

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

### **Suggestions for Discussion:**

1. Why was the 100th Battalion nicknamed the “Purple Heart” Battalion?
2. What were your feelings when you heard Lawson Sakai describe the battle scenes he and his comrades experienced rescuing the Texas Battalion?
3. As an American citizen what must it have been like when suddenly you are classified as an enemy alien by the government, having done nothing wrong?
4. What were the reasons why some men in the camps chose not to enter the military?  
Were they treated differently?

### **People to Research:**

Military Intelligence Unit

The 100 Battalion

442nd Regimental Combat Team

The Lost Battalion

Lawson Sakai

The “No No” Boys

President Truman

### **Photos to Discuss:**

President Truman holding his hat over his heart reviewing the Japanese-American troops of the 442nd having just returned from rescuing the captured Texas Battalion.

The 100th Battalion

### **Interviews to Discuss:**

Lawson Sakai and Les Ouchida sharing their honest and revealing insights about their experience of internment and Sakai’s subsequent US Army service.

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**Possible Follow-Up Activities:**

1. Have students take turns reenacting Japanese-Americans trying to enlist in the Army right after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. Have one student assume the role of the Army recruiting officer. Have the rest of the class comment on the mini-drama

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