

“WE THE PEOPLE”

The Return Home Program #4 (Length: 14:07 Min.)

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

Suggestions for Discussion:

1. What kind of fears did the Japanese-American internees bring back with them on their return home?
2. How were their feelings of shame, depression, guilt and sadness reinforced when they encountered their neighbors or teachers? Positive/negative?
3. What was behind the way some teachers used their returning students to support them? What was behind other teachers that belittled them? What values were reinforced? Discarded?
4. As a result of their difficulty finding jobs at home, what fields of work did many enter?
5. What were the prospects of people starting their business all over again when they returned?
6. What were some of the reasons why Japanese American families were welcomed back into society?

People to Research:

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Photos to Discuss:

Business with “sold” signs

“Japs Go Home”

Japanese American stored furniture and clothing scattered

Internees waiting behind barbed wire fences to be released