

“WE THE PEOPLE”

The Japanese American Internment Camps - 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 interned 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. The citizenship of the Japanese Americans during the time of the incarceration, was in limbo. Are there any similarities now between other groups of people in the United States?
10. How would/could 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

Internment 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