

**RESOURCES**  
**ABOUT THE JAPANESE AMERICAN INCARCERATION AND WORLD WAR II**  
**A SELECTED LIST**

**PODCASTS**

**Campu.**

[densho.org/campu/](https://densho.org/campu/)

**Order 9066**

[www.apmreports.org/order-9066](https://www.apmreports.org/order-9066)

**Scapegoat Cities**

[scapegoatcities.org/](https://scapegoatcities.org/)

**WEBSITES**

**Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project**

[densho.org](https://densho.org)

The Densho Digital Archive contains 400 videotaped histories (fully transcribed, indexed, and searchable by keyword) and over 10,700 historic photos, documents, and newspapers.

The Densho Encyclopedia contains over 300 articles covering key concepts, people, events, and organizations that played a part in the forced removal and incarceration of the Japanese-Americans in World War II.

**Digital Library of Japanese American Incarceration**

[archive.org/details/digital-library-of-japanese-american-incarceration?tab=collection](https://archive.org/details/digital-library-of-japanese-american-incarceration?tab=collection)

Created by the Internet Archive in collaboration with Densho. Contains hundreds of fiction and nonfiction books and historical documents that can be digitally borrowed for free.

**Discover Nikkei**

[www.discovernikkei.org/en/](https://www.discovernikkei.org/en/)

A website with articles, photos, and interviews on video about the Japanese-American experience. Includes interviews with Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu, whose resistance case went all the way to the Supreme Court, where their previous conviction was overturned.

Includes a lesson plan database that is a clearinghouse for lesson plans, classroom activities, and educational resources on various websites.

**Japanese American Citizens League (JAACL)**

[jaacl.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/covers.pdf](https://jaacl.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2015/01/covers.pdf)

This curriculum and resource guide, **The Japanese American Experience**, provides an outstanding background and learning activities for the incarceration.

**Japanese American Patriotism – Eric Saul**

<https://www.japaneseamericanpatriotism.com/>

Created by Eric Saul, Director of the Presidio Army Museum. Three virtual exhibits, a Japanese American chronology, and more information about the Japanese American veterans of World War II.

**A More Perfect Union; Japanese Americans and the U.S. Constitution**

[amhistory.si.edu/perfectunion/non-flash/index.html](https://amhistory.si.edu/perfectunion/non-flash/index.html)

An online exhibit from the Smithsonian National Museum of American History, with classroom activities, an historical overview, and a search engine for artifact photographs. A Reflections section allows people to post comments.

Also at [www.smithsonianeducation.org](https://www.smithsonianeducation.org): Letters from the Japanese American Internment and The Japanese American Internment: How Young People Saw It (lesson plans for K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12)

## National Veterans' Network

[www.nationalveteransnetwork.com/](http://www.nationalveteransnetwork.com/)

Information on the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, the 100<sup>th</sup> Battalion, the Military Intelligence Service, the 1399 Engineer Construction Battalion, and the Congressional Gold Medal awarded to them in 2011.

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Marrin, Albert. *Uprooted; The Japanese American Experience During World War II*. Alfred A. Knopf, 2016.

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Partridge, Elizabeth and Lauren Tamaki. *Seen and Unseen: What Dorothea Lange Toyo Miyatake, and Ansel Adams's Photographs Reveal About the Japanese American Incarceration*. Chronicle Books, 2022. Grade 5+

***Personal Justice Denied; Report of the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians.*** The Civil Liberties Public Education Fund and University of Washington Press, 1997.

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<https://www.archives.gov/research/japanese-americans/justice-denied>

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Seigel, Shizue. ***In Good Conscience; Supporting Japanese Americans During the Internment.*** AACCP, Inc., 2006.

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Tateishi, John. ***And Justice for All: An Oral History of the Japanese American Detention Camps.*** University of Washington Press, 1999.

Tateishi, John. ***Redress: The Inside Story of the Successful Campaign for Japanese American Reparations.*** Heyday, 2020.

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Tremayne, Russell M. and Todd Shalloat, ed. ***Surviving Minidoka; The Legacy of WWII Japanese American Incarceration.*** Boise State University, 2013.

Weglyn, Michi Nishiura. ***Years of Infamy; The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps.*** University of Washington Press, 1996.

## **NONFICTION – MEMOIRS**

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## **PICTURE BOOKS**

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Mochizuki, Ken. ***Baseball Saved Us.*** Lee & Low, 1995. Grade 2+

Moss, Marissa. ***Barbed Wire Baseball.*** Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2013. Grade 2+

Say, Allen. ***Home of the Brave.*** Houghton Mifflin, 2002. Grade 4+

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Uchida, Yoshiko. ***The Bracelet.*** Putnam, 1996. Grade 2+

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*Finalist, National Book Award 2020 for Young People's Literature*

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## FILM – DOCUMENTARIES

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[www.alternativefacts9066.com](http://www.alternativefacts9066.com)

*And Then They Came for Us*. Dir. Abby Ginzberg. Ginzberg Productions, 2017. DVD. 50 minutes.

*Betrayed: Surviving an American Concentration Camp*. Dir. Rory Banyard. Northshore Productions and Friends of Minidoka. 2022. Approx. 1 hour. <https://www.betrayedfilm.com>

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*Winner of the Academy Award for Best Documentary, Short Subject.*

*Farewell to Manzanar*. Dir. John Korty. DVD. 107 minutes. (the 1976 made-for-TV film)  
*Includes the bonus Remembering Manzanar and an interview with Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston. Available from the Japanese American National Museum.*

*The Legacy of Heart Mountain*. Prod. David Ono and Jeff MacIntyre. Content Media Group, LLC, 2014. 56 minutes.  
*Winner of three Emmy Awards.*

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*2002 Emmy Award for News and Documentary.*

*Time of Fear*. Dir. Sue Williams. PBS, 2004. DVD. 60 minutes.

*Without Due Process; A Documentary About America's Concentration Camps*. Dir. Brian Beanblossom. 2001. DVD. 44 minutes.

2001 – Crystal Award of Excellence – The Communicator  
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## ONLINE DOCUMENTARIES

***Minidoka: An American Concentration Camp.*** Harpers Ferry Center NPS, 2020. 30:01 min.  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0xBBXSdONY](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m0xBBXSdONY)

***We the People.*** Catherine Busch, 2019  
[wethepeopleseries.com](http://wethepeopleseries.com)

Series: 1) Uprooted 17:00 min. 2) The Incarceration of Japanese Americans 21:40 min. 3) Go for Broke! 14:35 min. 4) The Return Home 14:07 min. 5) People Who Helped 16:10 min. 6) Racism & Redress 15:00 min. 7) Could This Happen Again? 20:35 min.