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JAPANESE–AMERICAN INTERNMENT WEB GUIDE



Begin by previewing the following websites.

- **A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans & the U.S. Constitution**
(<http://americanhistory.si.edu/perfectunion/experience/>)

Note: This site is available as a rich-media version and a printable version. If you look at the rich-media version, you will need to use the scroll bar at the bottom of each screen to scroll right and view all of the content.

- **Japanese Americans at Manzanar**
(<http://www.nps.gov/manz/historyculture/japanese-americans-at-manzanar.htm>)

After previewing the sites, answer the following questions:

What was the United States government's rationale for "isolating" the Japanese-Americans?

Although German-Americans and Italian-Americans were also singled out during World War II, many more Japanese-Americans were forced to leave their homes. Why do you think this happened?

Carefully read the Loyalty and Service sections of the [A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans & the U.S. Constitution](#) website.

If you were a Japanese-American detained in a camp, would you have volunteered to fight for the United States? Why or why not?

The 442nd Regimental Combat Team was a highly decorated Japanese-American unit. What does their contribution to the war effort tell you about the character of the Japanese-American soldiers?

Carefully read the text under the heading Life at Manzanar on the [Japanese Americans at Manzanar](#) website and then look at the pictures on the [Japanese-American Internment Camps During World War II](#) (<http://www.lib.utah.edu/spc/photo/9066/9066.htm>) website.

Do you think the conditions in the camps were fair? Why or why not?

Look specifically at the pictures of the schools. Do you believe the students received the same quality of education as other American students during the time? Why or why not?

Carefully read the Justice section of the [A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans & the U.S. Constitution](#) website. Finish reading this site and the rest of the [Japanese Americans at Manzanar](#) website.

Do you think the United States government has adequately addressed what happened in the camps? Why or why not?

How was the removal of the Japanese similar to that of the Cherokee? How was it different?

How does reading about this episode of American history make you feel?

