



When **WE** were new :

Walking in the Footsteps of our Immigrant Ancestors.

JAPANESE HERITAGE RESOURCE LIST

TIME PERIOD : World War II to Present



BOOKS:

HISTORY

- ***Justice At War: the Story of the Japanese American Internment Cases*** by Peter Irons
 - What went on in the War and Justice departments in the cases of Yasui, Hirabayashi, Korematsu and Endo.
- ***Nisei: the Quiet American*** by Bill Hosokawa
 - Comprehensive history of the Japanese coming to America, the internment camps and their U.S. Military experience.
- ***Nisei Linguists: Japanese Americans in the military Intelligence Service*** by James McNaughton
 - The importance of the Nisei in the military intelligence..."fascinating" Sachi Fujikawa
- ***Prisoners Without Trial: Japanese Americans in World War II*** by Roger Daniels
 - A very readable and concise history.
- ***Years of Infamy : the Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps*** by Michi Nishiura Weglyn
 - "A truly excellent and moving book...hard hitting, fair and balanced. It is a terrible story of administrative callousness and bungling, untold damage to the human soul, confusion, and terror." Edwin O. Reischauer, former U.S. Ambassador to Japan

NON-FICTION - Personal Accounts

- ***Farewell To Manzanar*** by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston
 - True story of author's experience, beginning at age seven when her family was sent to Manzanar, CA internment camp along with 10,000 other detainees.
- ***Only What We Could Carry: The Japanese American Internment Experience*** - edited by Lawson Fusao Inada
 - "...haunting reminiscences, letters, stories, poems and graphic art gives voice to the range of powerful emotions with which the victims of wartime hysteria struggled." from the back cover. "This is one of my favorite books" ..Christine

HISTORICAL FICTION

- ***Baseball Saved Us*** by Ken Mochizuki
 - "Surrounded by guards, fences, and desert, Japanese Americans in an internment camp create a baseball field. A young boy tells how baseball gave them a purpose while enduring injustice and humiliation"
- ***Bridge of Scarlet Leaves*** by Kristina McMorris
 - A love story of a Japanese American young man and the Caucasian sister of his best friend going through the disapproval of the best friend, her family, his family and society. The young woman joins his family at the internment camp and waits for him to return from war. A page turner and heart rendering...

Tens of millions of immigrants over four centuries have made the United States what it is today. They came to make new lives and livelihoods in the New World; their hard work benefited themselves and their new home country. (H.Diner,2008) **When WE were New : Walking in the Footsteps of our Immigrant Ancestors** is a multi-year program combining literary, visual and performing arts to expand our knowledge and understanding of the trials our ancestors endured and the important contributions each wave of immigrants made to our communities. This project is sponsored by the Dodgeville Public Library and funded in part by the Friends of the Dodgeville Public Library, the United Fund of Iowa County, Grassroots Citizens for Peace and many individual donations.

- ***Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*** by Jamie Ford
 - Set in Seattle, narrator begins as a 12 year old Chinese American boy of immigrant parents who are prejudiced against the Japanese. He becomes friends with a Japanese American girl at school. He sees the prejudice and war time hysteria through her eyes as she and her family are interned. They lose contact only to regain it when they are old.
- ***Desert Exile: the Uprooting of a Japanese American Family*** - Yoshiko Uchida
- ***Journey To Topaz: A story of the Japanese American Evacuation*** - Yoshiko Uchida
- ***Looking Like the Enemy*** (the young readers' edition) - Maureen R. Michelson and Mary Matsuda Gruenewald
 - A teenager's experience
- ***No-No Boy*** by James Okada
 - A novel about one young man that answered No-No on the loyalty oath question.
- ***Obasan*** by Joy Kogawa
 - It never occurred to me that persons' of Japanese heritage living on the coast of Canada would also be removed during the war to Canadian internment camps. The Japanese Canadians' experience was somewhat different because the government kept moving them around so they couldn't develop community.
- ***Snow Falling on Cedars*** by David Guterson
 - Takes place at Bainbridge island, Puget Sound and is an interracial romance, story of Japanese internment, murder mystery and courtroom drama.
- ***Tallgrass*** by Sandra Dallas
- ***When The Emperor Was Divine*** by Julie Otsuka
 - Her family was sent to the Topaz internment camp. She has chapters from different points of view: the mother, the son, hers as the daughter, and then the family's return home and the father's release after 4 years in captivity.

POETRY

- ***Legends From Camp*** - Lawson Fusao Inada
- ***Drawing the Line*** - Lawson Fusao Inada

WEBSITES

- ***Immigration ... Japanese. Immigration...Japanese***
 - **Source:** Donlan, Leni. Library of Congress. History of Immigration : Classroom Materials. Retrieved Feb. 24, 2013 from <http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials>
- ***Ansel Adams's Photographs of Japanese-American Internment at Manzanar Ansel Adam's Photographs***
 - **Source:** Adams, Ansel. Library of Congress. American Memory Home. Retrieved Feb. 24, 2013 from <http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/anseladams/>
- ***Densho Densho's*** mission is to preserve the testimonies of Japanese Americans who were unjustly incarcerated during World War II before their memories are extinguished. We offer these irreplaceable firsthand accounts, coupled with historical images and teacher resources, to explore principles of democracy and promote equal justice for all.
 - **Source:** <http://www.densho.org/densho.asp>
- ***Explorations Japanese-American Internment Digital History***
 - **Source:** Mintz, S., & McNeil, S. (2013). Digital History. Retrieved Feb. 24, 2013 from <http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu>
- ***Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation Life in Camp- Education*** The Heart Mountain Wyoming Foundation is dedicated to the preservation, interpretation and commemoration of the site where nearly 14,000 Japanese Americans were confined during World War II.
 - **Source:** <http://www.heartmountain.org/>