

Lesson Plan

Complete the Timeline

Book: *Children in Japanese Confinement Camps*

Series: Children in History

Level: Voyager

Objective

To help students learn more about the experiences of Japanese Americans in confinement camps by reading stories of individual children and by tracing how historic events impacted the broader Japanese American community.

Supplies

- *Children in Japanese Confinement Camps*
- Complete the Timeline worksheet (attached)

Before the Activity

Print a Complete the Timeline worksheet for each student.

Activity

Children in Japanese Confinement Camps tells the stories of seven Japanese American children who were forced to move to confinement camps during the 1940s. The book briefly describes each child's experience. Woven throughout these stories is more general information about the Japanese American community as a whole. As part of this broader theme, the book's author explains some of the events in the United States and around the world that impacted Japanese Americans. The dates of 11 of these events are listed on the Complete the Timeline worksheet.

Ask students to read through *Children in Japanese Confinement Camps*, looking for these 11 events. Students should write a one-sentence summary of each event in the blank next to its date on the worksheet.

Evaluation

Collect the worksheets and use the attached answer key to give students 1 point for each correct answer, for a total of 11 points.

Standards

This lesson may be used to address the Common Core State Standards' reading standards for informational texts, grade 6 (RI 6.3).

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1939: _____

December 1941: _____

February 1942: _____

May 1942: _____

1943: _____

December 1944: _____

January 1945: _____

September 1945: _____

1946: _____

1952: _____

1988: _____

Complete the Timeline **ANSWER KEY**

1939: World War II begins.

December 1941: Japanese planes bomb Pearl Harbor.

February 1942: President Roosevelt signs Executive Order 9066.

May 1942: Japanese Americans in Eatonville are forced to move to Puyallup detention center.

1943: Adults in the Topaz camp receive the loyalty questionnaire.

December 1944: The US Supreme Court says the government cannot confine loyal citizens.

January 1945: The US government starts letting Japanese Americans return to the West Coast.

September 1945: Japan surrenders, and World War II ends.

1946: The last confinement camp closes.

1952: The US government passes a law allowing Japanese immigrants to become citizens.

1988: The US government issues an official apology for the confinement camps.