

WWII: Japan & America



Japanese EXPANSION



- Japanese expansion in East Asia began in 1931 and continued in 1937 with a brutal attack on China.
- On September 27, 1940, Japan signed the Tripartite Pact with Germany & Italy.
- The US imposed economic sanctions on Japan.
- Severe shortages of oil and other natural resources and the desire to displace the U.S. as the dominant Pacific power, led to an attack on the Allied forces in Asia.

Pearl Harbor

- Japan launched a surprise attack on the U.S. Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941.
- The attack severely damaged the U.S. fleet and killed 2403 people both military personnel and civilians.
- Japan achieved a long series of military successes throughout the Pacific until mid-1942.



ATOMIC BOMBS



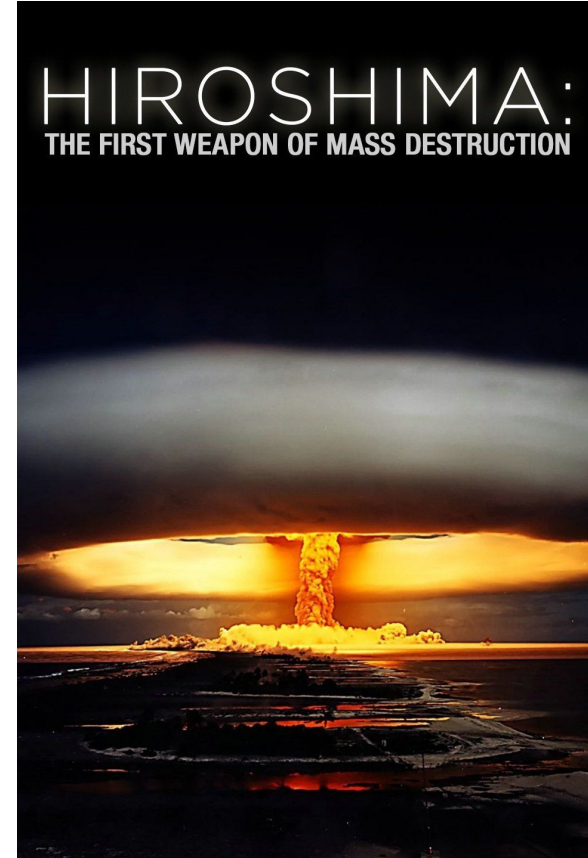
- **ON AUGUST 6, 1945, THE U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE DROPPED AN ATOMIC BOMB ON THE JAPANESE CITY OF HIROSHIMA.**
- **TENS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE DIED IN THE INITIAL EXPLOSION, AND MANY MORE DIED LATER FROM RADIATION EXPOSURE.**
- **3 DAYS LATER, THE U.S. DROPPED A BOMB ON THE JAPANESE CITY OF NAGASAKI. ESTIMATES VARY, BUT AT LEAST 120,000 CIVILIANS DIED AS A RESULT OF THE 2 BLASTS.**
- **AFTER JAPAN AGREED TO SURRENDER ON AUGUST 14, 1945, U.S. FORCES BEGAN TO OCCUPY JAPAN. THEY FORMALLY SURRENDERED TO THE ALLIES ON SEPTEMBER 2, 1945.**

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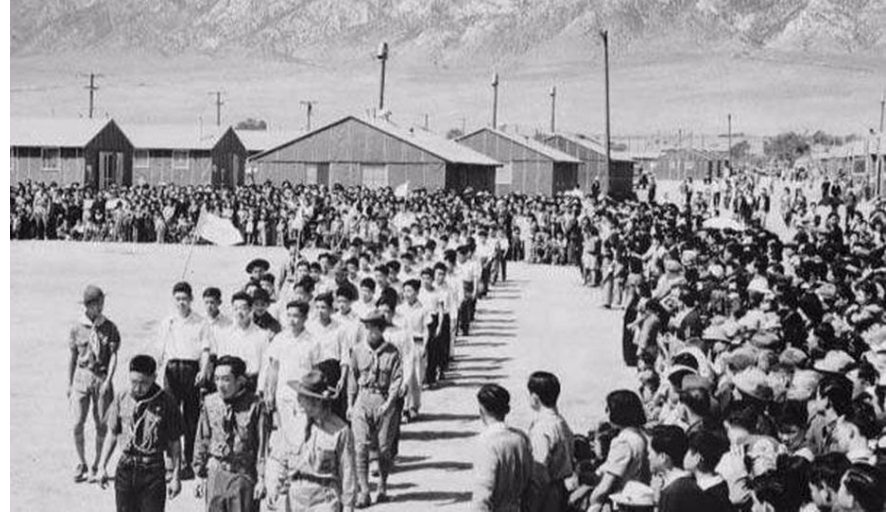
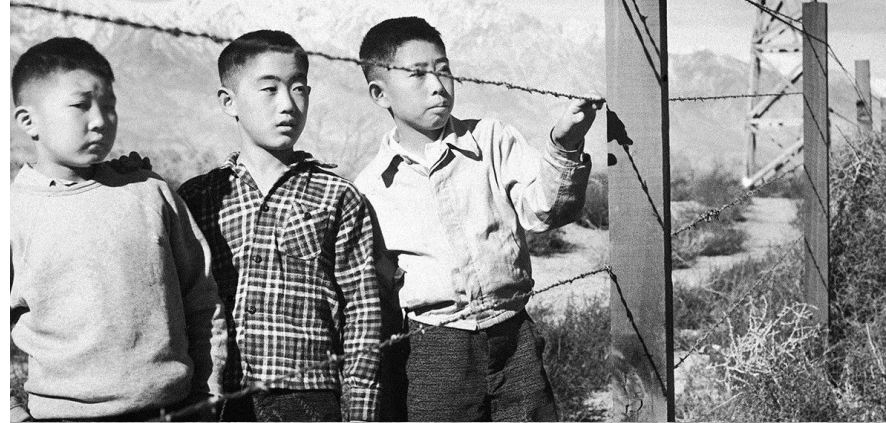


**BBC DOCUDrama
FROM AUGUST 5,
2005 MARKING
THE EVE OF THE
60TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
THE ATOMIC
BOMBING OF
HIROSHIMA GIVING
FIVE SURVIVORS
INTERVIEWS THAT
IS AVAILABLE ON
NETFLIX**



Japanese Americans

- Japanese internment camps were established by President Franklin Roosevelt through his Executive Order 9066.
- From 1942 to 1945, over 127,000 U.S. citizens were imprisoned for being of Japanese ancestry.
- Almost two-thirds of the internees were Nisei, or Japanese Americans born in the U.S. who had never even been to Japan. Even veterans of WWI were forced to leave their homes.
- It is considered another one of the most atrocious violations of American civil rights in the 20th century.



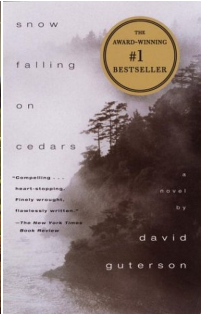
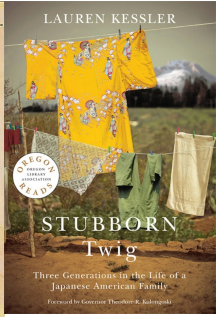
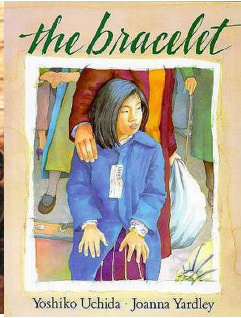
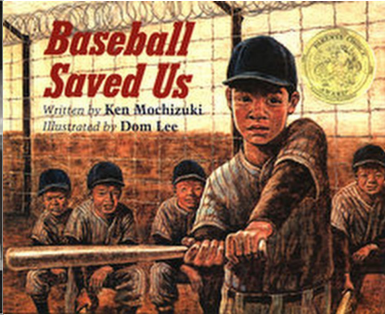
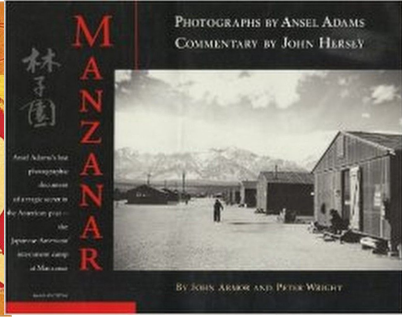
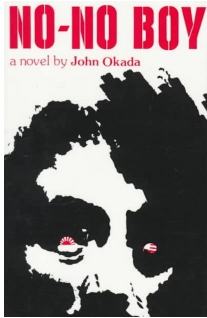
Internment Camps



- UNTIL THE CAMPS WERE COMPLETED, evacuees were HELD IN TEMPORARY centers, SUCH AS STABLES AT LOCAL racetracks.
- 10 CAMPS WERE BUILT IN remote areas OF 7 WESTERN STATES.
- THE CAMPS DIDN'T HAVE SUFFICIENT Heaters or air CONDITIONERS, THE FOOD WAS MASS PRODUCED army-STYLE GRUB, & IF anyone TRIED TO FLEE, THEY WERE SHOT.
- HOSTILITY against Japanese Americans remained IN THE POSTWAR years.
- IN 1988, CONGRESS ATTEMPTED TO APOLOGIZE BY awarding each SURVIVING INTERN \$20,000.

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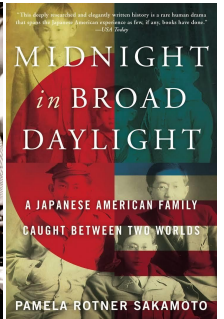
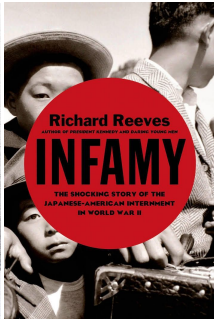
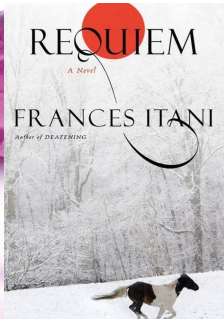
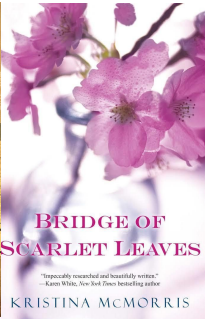
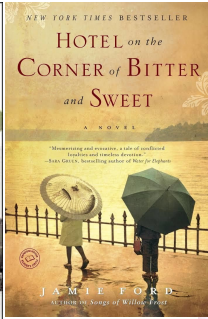
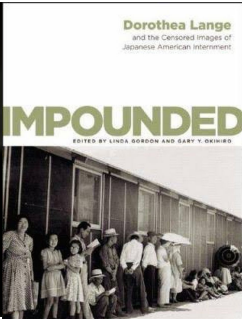
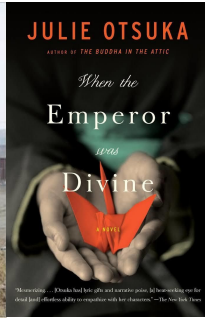
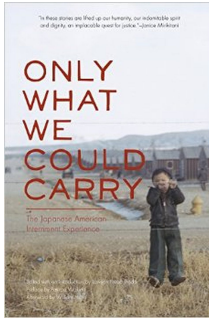
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