

PRIMARY SOURCES

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Go For Broke National Education Center – Archives

www.goforbroke.org. See “Archives.”

Oral histories (hundreds of interviews with Japanese American soldiers who served in the US military), letters, manuscripts, photo collections (Pearl Harbor attack; Library of Congress; War Relocation Authority; US War Department; National Archives; US Army Signal Corps; personal photos; etc.), World War II press materials, Japanese American relocation documents, and more.

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Education Center

<http://www.100tbattalion.org/>

Personal stories, articles. See “History” link.

National Japanese American Historical Society

<http://njahs.org/page.php?id=research>

Information on Japanese American history in general, but also on the Military Intelligence Service (MIS) in particular.

The Hawaii Nisei Project, University of Hawaii

<http://nisei.hawaii.edu/page/home>

Stories of the Nisei soldiers of WWII, along with photographs and oral histories.

Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project – Digital Archive

<http://archive.densho.org/main.aspx> (use Guest account)

Primary source materials on Japanese American history.

Selected Letters & Diary Entries of Stanley Hayami from US Internment Camp and WWII Battlefield

<http://www.oac.cdlib.org/view?docId=tf687004zq;developer=local;style=oac4;doc.view=items>

Diary entries from an American incarceration center of a 16-year-old Japanese American teenager and letters he wrote home as a US soldier fighting on the European front. See book *Stanley Hayami, Nisei Son: His Diary, Letters, & Story From an American Concentration Camp to Battlefield, 1942-1945*.

Harry S. Truman Library Photographs

<http://www.trumanlibrary.org/photographs/view.php?id=33645>

Letters of Chaplain Hiro Higuchi

<http://libweb.hawaii.edu/libdept/archives/mss/aja/higuchi/hiro.htm>

Wartime correspondence of a Japanese American Army chaplain who served overseas in Europe during WWII.

Letters of Saburo Nishime

<http://www.100thbattalion.org/archives/letters/saburo-nishime>

A Japanese American, Saburo was drafted into the US Army and served in Hawaii in the National Guard, then shipped to Italy during the war. Included are some of the letters that he wrote to his brother in Michigan, a law student at the time.

Resistance - PBS.org

<http://www.pbs.org/itvs/conscience/resistance/index.html>

Documents related to Japanese Americans who resisted incarceration/military service on the basis of the denial of human rights. See book, *Soldiers of Conscience* (Castelnuovo) for more info.

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Calisphere Archive – Japanese American history

<http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/jarda/index.html>

Personal and official photographs, letters and diaries, transcribed oral histories, art, and more show the faces of people, places, daily life, and personal experiences of Japanese Americans in incarceration camps.

Hawaii: World War II Internment

<http://hawaiiinternment.org/>

Primary sources for Hawaii Japanese American incarceration experience.

Japanese American National Museum Archive

<http://www.janm.org/collections/>

Contains selected documents from the museum's collections.

Letters of Gordon Hirabayashi

<https://afsc.org/category/topic/gordon-hirabayashi>

Various letters written by Gordon Hirabayashi, who resisted Executive Order 9066 because he believed that it was unconstitutional and racially motivated. His famous 1942 Supreme Court case bears his name. See book, *A Principled Stand* (Hirabayashi), for more of his documents.

National Archives and Records Administration

<http://www.archives.gov/index.html>

Research history through documents, photos, or records.

National Archives and Records Administration – DOCS TEACH

<http://docsteach.org/documents>

Thousands of primary sources for classroom use, searchable by historical era or keyword.

National Archives and Records Administration – “Japanese American”

<http://search.archives.gov/query.html?qt=japanese+american&submit=GO&col=1arch&col=social&qc=1arch&qc=social>

Documents, transcripts, reports and photos of Japanese American history.

National Park Service

<http://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/>

Manzanar is under the National Park Service (see Japanese Americans or Manzanar).

National Park Service Oral Histories

<http://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/oralhistory/interviews.htm> See “Manzanar National Historic Site”

**Smithsonian National Museum of American History:
A More Perfect Union**

<http://amhistory.si.edu/PERFECTUNION/EXPERIENCE/>

Focuses on experiences of Japanese Americans in the incarceration camps during WWII. Includes images, music, text, first person accounts, and more.