

Las Positas College Library Library Research Guide: Japanese American Internment

For more information on this topic, please see the LPC Library Web Page Library Guide:
Japanese American Evacuation and Relocation (1942-1945) Materials under STUDENTS LINKS.

REFERENCE SOURCES -Use reference sources for background information, broad overviews and summaries. The reference collection includes general and subject dictionaries and encyclopedias, biographies, directories, almanacs, atlases, etc. Many also contain bibliographies for further research. Reference books cannot be checked out from the library but may be photocopied.

Subject Specific

- *The Asian American Encyclopedia* Call Number: **Ref E 184 06 A827 1995**
- *Encyclopedia of Japanese American History* Call Number: **Ref E184.J3 E53 2001**

BOOKS - Use the online catalog to find books in the library. This will show you all the books and audiovisual materials LPC and Chabot Libraries own. You can search for a book by the author, title, or subject. A subject search allows you to find books about a topic or a person.

Examples of subject headings:

- Japanese Americans - Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945.
- World War, 1939-1945 - Japanese Americans.
- Japanese Americans - Biography

Examples of books in the LPC Library on Japanese American Internment:

Adams, Ansel. *Manzanar*. New York: Times Books, 1988. Call Number: **D769.8 A6 A63 1988**

Gesensway, Deborah, and Mindy Roseman. *Beyond Words: Images from America's Concentration Camps*.

Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press, 1987. Call Number: **D805 U5 G47 1987**

Knaepler, Tomi Kaizawa. *Our House Divided: Seven Japanese American Families in World War II*. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1991. Call Number: **D753.8 K57 1991**

Smith, Page. *Democracy on Trial: The Japanese American Evacuation and Relocation in World War II*. New York: Simon & Schuster, 1995. Call Number: **D769.8 A6 S64 1995**

Uchida, Yoshiko. *Desert Exile: The Uprooting of a Japanese American Family*. Seattle: University of Washington Press, 1982. Call Number: **D769.8 A6 U25 1982**

Weglyn, Michi. *Years of Infamy: The Untold Story of America's Concentration Camps*. New York: Morrow Quill Paperbacks, 1980. Call Number: **D769.8 A6 W4 1980**

Examples of the **videos** in the LPC Library on Japanese American Internment (Videos are shelved behind the circulation desk and may be checked out):

Children of the Camps: A Documentary and Educational Project. Call Number: **MV 22840**

Without Due Process. Call Number: **MV 20881 pt. 1-2**

Honor Bound: A Personal Journey. Call Number: **MV 21443**

PERIODICALS & DATABASES -To find articles published in magazines, journals, and newspapers, use an online database. Periodicals provide in-depth analyses of events and trends, research studies on particular subjects, and professional literature. You can access several databases from the LPC Library or from home at LPC Library Homepage.

Please ask a reference librarian for help!

Examples:

History Reference Center (EBSCO) – contains thousands of full-text history reference database. The database features cover-to-cover full text for more than 650 historical encyclopedias and other non-fiction books. The database also includes full text for more than 50 leading history periodicals.

- Suggestion: Do a keyword search for "Japanese Americans - Evacuation and relocation"

ProQuest: Ethnic NewsWatch - Contains articles with a broad diversity of perspectives and viewpoints from newspapers, magazines, and journals of the ethnic, minority, and native press. All the articles indexed are available in full-text.

- Suggestion: Do a keyword search for "Japanese Americans" AND internment

America's Newspapers - Contains the full-text of articles published in California newspapers, including: *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Los Angeles Times*, *San Jose Mercury*, and the *Valley Times*.

- Suggestion: Do a keyword search for "Japanese Americans" AND redress. (You will find good articles in these Californian newspapers because many Japanese Americans lived in California during World War II and were affected by relocation.)

INTERNET RESOURCES -You may want to explore some Internet resources to supplement or enhance your research. Always be cautious of information you find on the Web since the quality of sources varies tremendously on the Internet. It is always a good idea to check the information against another source. As with all information resources, whether in print or on the Internet, you evaluate its quality based on the following criteria:

Accuracy..... Is it free from mistakes and errors?
Authority..... What are the qualifications of the author?
Objectivity..... Is there any strong bias?
Currency..... Is the information up-to-date?
CoverageTo what extent is the topic explored?

Examples of Relevant Web Sites:

Japanese American National Museum -The first museum in the United States dedicated to sharing the experience of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Internet URL: <http://www.janm.org/>

The Japanese American Exhibit and Access Project - Includes a virtual exhibit focusing on the Puyallup assembly center, Camp Harmony, and enhanced access to archival guides and inventories of the University of Washington Libraries Manuscripts and University Archives Division. Internet URL: <http://www.lib.washington.edu/exhibits/harmony/>

National Japanese American Historical Society - "dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and dissemination of materials relating to the history and culture of Japanese Americans". Specializes in interactive multimedia, military and camp collections, and educational programs. Internet URL: <http://www.njahs.org/>

Go to the *Librarians Internet Index* (<http://www.iii.org>) to search for other recommended sites

- Suggestion: Do a keyword search for camp names, "Japanese Americans - evacuation and relocation," or other pertinent terms.

CITATION OF SOURCES -Keep printouts of your sources, or write out all pertinent information on author, title, publisher, date, or Internet address to identify where you got the information. Follow the format recommended by your instructor or ask a librarian to show you a "style manual." There is a link to instructions for MLA or APA citations on the LPC Library Homepage: *Citation Style Guides* (<http://www.laspositascollege.edu/library/cited.php>).

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