



“INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY”

*The Impact of War on an Immigrant Community
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Goal: Deepening understanding of the experience of Japanese-Americans interned by the US government during WWII. Promoting student-centered collaborative inquiry. Interrogating primary sources and evaluating historical evidence on the World Wide Web using search engines and gateway sites. Creating hypertext trails to construct knowledge.

Resources:

Gateway sites:

- The Japanese-American Internment
<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/8420/main.html>
<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/8420/poster.html>
- War Relocation Authority Camps in Arizona, 1942-1946
<http://dizzy.library.arizona.edu/images/jpamer/wraintro.html>

Internet Search Engines:

- [Google](#), [Yahoo](#), [AltaVista](#), etc.

Step 1. (10 minutes) Before you start working, read these directions through to the end. Now, examine the poster available at <http://www.geocities.com/Athens/8420/poster.html>. As best you can, based on what you can observe and what you know, write a few sentences explaining what the poster is about. With your partner, share your writing and discuss what else you would like to know so that you could create a story or historical narrative about the poster.

Step 2 (25 minutes) Using the resources listed above, do a web search to gather the information and source material in different media that you would need to:

- (1) fill out the story,
- (2) put it in context of time and place, and
- (3) give it a human face.

Make sure you use a gateway site (e.g., the Japanese-American Internment Web Page) and a search engine (e.g., Google). Remember to **bookmark** valuable pages, so that you can go back to them easily and quickly.

Step 3 (10 minutes) Stop researching and discuss your findings with your partner. Together, review how you found documents and links and assess what you found. How do these documents and links add to or change your understanding of the poster? How could they be used to create a historical narrative and/or tell a story? What searching techniques worked best for you?

Step 4 (30 minutes) Log into the BlackBoard, and post your findings as follows:

- Summarize the research question that you developed in the first part of this exercise.
- From your list of bookmarked sites, choose the most interesting resource you found and copy and paste it from the web browser into the discussion thread (follow the instructions in the handout).
- How did this resource help to answer your research question? How did it enhance your understanding of the information contained in the poster? What additional information would you need to complete your story?
- How did you discover this resource -- from a search engine or through a gateway site? Did you feel that your search process was effective? What search method would you recommend to your students?
- When you are done, read through the other postings and comment on those you find interesting.

Additional Exercises:

Illustrate your BlackBoard posting with an image from the American Memory collection.
<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aamhtml/aamsp.html>

Go to <http://www.searchenginewatch.com/> and find out more about search engines.

Check out Louis Fluk's website evaluation bibliography.

Basic Search Tips

- Place phrases in quotation marks, e.g., "Japanese Internment Camp"
- Common words are ignored (and, etc.) unless in quotation marks or marked with +
- use "-" to exclude words

(always read the help section and check out the advanced search features for the search engine you are using)

Opening a linked page in a new browser window

Right-click on one of your search findings and choose "Open in New Window"

(To open a new browser window for general purposes, type "Ctrl-n" or Choose New -> Window from the File menu)

Bookmarking a webpage

1. Choose "Add to Favorites" from the Favorites menu. The page will be added to your list of favorites.
2. Next time you want to see the page, simply choose it from the Favorites menu.

(To be even more organized, use Favorites -> Organize Favourites to edit your bookmarks or create folders)

Copying and Pasting a webpage address URL into a BlackBoard discussion:

1. Highlight the webpage address you want to copy.
2. Right-click and choose "Copy "
3. Log into the BlackBoard discussion.
4. Click the cursor in the discussion entry box where you want the URL to appear.
5. Right click and choose "Paste"

Posting an image as part of a discussion response (optional)

1. In Internet Explorer, right-click on the image and choose "Properties"
2. A Properties window will appear. Highlight the address shown, right-click and choose "Copy"
3. Log into the BlackBoard discussion
4. Click the cursor in the discussion entry box where you want the image to appear.
5. Right click and choose "Paste." The address will appear, e.g.,
`http://faculty.lagcc.cuny.edu/ctl/images/collage2.jpg`
6. Type the following HTML code around the image address as follows:
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7. Click "html" as the way you want your response to be formatted, and submit your response.