# After the Bombing of Pearl Harbor, was the internment of Japanese Americans justified?



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**Overview:** On December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor was attacked by Japanese fighter pilots. Most of the base was destroyed. Within the next few days the United States declared war on Japan. This act of aggression caused fear and suspicion of Japanese Americans across the United States. In February 1942 Present Roosevelt passed the Executive Order Act 9066 and the internment of Japanese Americans began. The question for this Mini-Q is was the internment of Japanese Americans after the bombing of Pearl Harbor justified.

#### **The Documents**

Document A Pearl Harbor naval base and U.S.S. Shaw aflame after the Japanese attack

- **Document B** FDR's "Day of Infamy" Speech
- **Document C** Salvage scrap to blast the Jap
- **Document D** Executive Order 9066

Document E Tule Lake Segregation Camp. California State Library http://www.library.ca.gov/

Document F 89 Panel: Japanese American Citizens League Testimony of John Y Tateishi

Hook Exercise: Japanese American Internment:

Your neighbor is a Japanese American who was just given six days' notice to pack all of his family's belongings and move to an unknown place. He and his family are only allowed to take what they can carry. Everything else must be sold or left behind. For five days you watch your neighbor sell their things.

You watch other neighbors turn their backs and ignore the Japanese American family. Some of them even call them names and shout from across the street. Many seem sympathetic, but do nothing but look the other way.

Your task: With a partner talk through the situation. Do you think Japanese Americans being sent to internment camps is justified?

Justified

Not Justified

Your Decision

#### **Background Essay Questions**

What Caused the Japanese American Internment?

On the morning of December 7, 1941, the Japanese launched a surprise air attack on **Pearl Harbor**, Hawaii. Much of the US Pacific Fleet was stationed there and the surprise attack caused many US losses. Four navy battle ships were sunk and another four damaged. The Japanese also sunk or damaged or destroyed smaller ships and aircraft. In total, about half of the pacific Fleet was damaged or destroyed. Along with the damage, 2,402 men killed and 1,282 wounded.

A day after the attack, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war on Japan. The resolution was approved, with only one representative voting against it. In the days immediately following the attack on Perl Harbor the FBI arrested approximately 1,200 Japanese aliens within the United States, and President Roosevelt came under increasing political and public pressure to do something about the Japanese population in California. Many newspaper articles called for action, stirring up public fear and creating anxiety among the general public.

There were however, those who urged the president to exercise restraint and argued that internment was unconstitutional. Despite protest of the Justice department on February 19, 1942 President Roosevelt signed **Executive Order 9066** into law, granting the War Department broad powers to create military exclusion areas. By 1943, more than 110,000 Japanese Americans had been forced from their homes and moved to camps in remote inland areas of the US called **internment camps.** 

#### **Background Essay Questions**

- 1. What happened on December 7, 1941 at Pearl Harbor?
- 2. How did President Roosevelt respond to the attack on Pearl Harbor?
- 3. What happen on February 19, 1942?
- 4. By 1943, how many Japanese Americans were forced to relocate to internment camps?
- 5. Define or explain each of these terms:

Internment Camps

Executive Order 9066

Internment Camp

#### **Document** A

**Source:** Pearl Harbor naval base and U.S.S. Shaw aflame after the Japanese attack. 1941. Miscellaneous Items in High Demand. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C. 20540 USA. 19 February 2013. http://www.loc.gov/pictures/item/98506923/



#### **Document B**

**Source:** FDR's "Day of Infamy" Speech: Crafting a Call to Arms. *Our Heritage in Documents*. Prolong Magazine. National Archives. Winter 2001, Vol. 33, No. 4. 18 February 2013. http://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2001/winter/crafting-day-of-infamy-speech.html

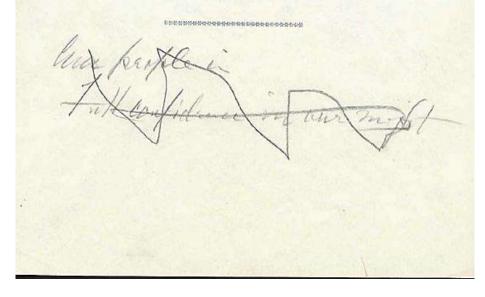
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I, therefore, ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, December seventh, a state of war exists between the United Statew and the Japanese Empire.



## **Document C**

**Source:** Salvage scrap to blast the jap, Library of Congress, Prints and Photographs Division, WPA Poster Collection, LC-USZC2-1109 DLC (color film copy slide)



#### **Document D**

**Source:** Franklin D. Roosevelt: "Executive Order 9066 - Authorizing the Secretary of War To Prescribe Military Areas," February 19, 1942. Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, *The American Presidency Project*. http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid=61698.

EXECUTIVE ORDER 9066
WHEREAS the successful prosecution of the war requires every possible protection against espionage and against sabotage to national defense material, national defense premises, and national defense utilities as defined in Section 4, Act of April 20, 1918, 40 Stat. 533, as amended by the Act of November 30, 1940, 54 Stat. 1220, and the Act of August 21, 1941, 55 Stat. 655 (U.S.C., Title 50, Sec. 104):
Now, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as President of the United States, and Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy, I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of War, and the Military Commanders who he may from time to time designate, whenever he or any designated Commander deems such action necessary or desirable, to prescribe military areas in such places and of such extent as he or the appropriate Military Commander may determine, from which any or all persons may be excluded, and with respect to which, the right of any person to enter, remain in, or leave shall be subject to whatever restrictions the Secretary of War or the appropriate Military Commander may impose in his discretion. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to provide for residents of any such area who are excluded therefrom, such transportation, food, shelter, and other accommodations as may be necessary, in the judgement of the Secretary of War of the said Military Commander, and until other arrangements are made, to accomplish the purpose of this order. The designation of military areas in any region or locality shall supersede designations of prohibited and restricted areas by the Attorney General under the Proclamations of December 7 and 8, 1941, and shall supersede the responsibility and authority of the Attorney General under the said Proclamations in respect of such prohibited and restricted areas.
I hereby further authorize and direct the Secretary of War and the said Military Commanders to take such other steps as he or the appropriated Military Commander may deem advisable to enforce compliance with the restrictions applicable to each Military area hereinabove authorized to be designated, including the use of Federal troops and other Federal Agencies, with authority to accept assistance of state and local agencies.
I hereby further authorize and direct all Executive Departments, independent establishments and other Federal Agencies, to assist the Secretary of War or the said Military Commanders in carrying out this Executive Order, including the furnishing of medical aid, hospitalizations, food clothing, transportation, use of land, shelter, and other supplies, equipment, utiliti3es, facilities, and services.
This order shall not be construed as modifying or limiting in any way the authority heretofore granted under Executive Order No. 8972, dated December 12, 1941, nor shall it be construed as limiting or modifying the duty and responsibility of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, with respect to the investigation of alleged acts of sabotage or the duty and responsibility of the Attorney General and the Department of Justice under the Proclamations of December 7 and 8, 1941, prescribing regulations for the conduct and control of alien enemies, except as such duty and responsibility is superseded by the designation of military areas hereunder.
THE WHITE HOUSE February 19, 1942

**Document E** Source: Tule Lake Segregation Camp. California State Library http://www.library.ca.gov/



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89 PANEL: JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE TESTIMONY OF JOHN Y. TATEISHI, REDRESS CHAIRPERSON, JAPANESE AMERICAN CITIZENS LEAGUE; WILLIAM HOHRI, NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR JAPANESE AMERICAN REDRESS; MIKE M. MASAOKA, PRESIDENT NISEI LOBBY; PRESIDENT, ALEU-TIAN PRIBILOF ISLANDS ASSOCIATION; AND MIKE ZACHAROF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; PHIL TUTIZOFF, CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TESTIMONY OF MR. TATEISHI Mr. TATEISHI. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, and members of the committee. My name is John Y. Tateishi. I am currently the chairman of the National Committee for Redress of the Japanese American Citisens League or the JACL. I would like to thank the committee for inviting me to speak on behalf of the JACL advocating the passage of H.R. 5499. It is a pleasure for me to come from my home in the San Francisco bay area to speak in favor of this legislation. In view of the pressing time schedule of this committee, I would like to keep my comments short and address specifically the legislation before you and the proposal to establish a commission to investigate the events of 1942. I might point out, however, that although I may look young, I was in one of the camps. I was at Manganar which is in the Owens Valley in California. One of the questions that arises in discussing the Commission is whether or not this Commission can do any more than a committee of the Congress. I think that one of the important things that we can investigate is to look at why some of the events took place. For example, as you, Mr. Chairman, have pointed out, the Director of the FBI, Mr. Hoover, himself, was against the internment. His agency had investigated the Japanese American communities throughout the west coast. There was also an investigation by Naval Intelligence, by Army Intelligence, and by a special Presidential representative, Lt. Cmdr. Curtis B. Munson. All the intelligence reports indicated quite clearly there was "no Japanese problem" on the west coast in the event of an invasion, and those who might be questionable had already been identified by these investigative agencies, to that the very basis which lay for the rationale for the internment itself, the exclusion and internment of Japanese Americans, was this question of loyalty of Japanese Americans in the event of an invasion by Japan. But that question had already been determined. I think that the benefit of this type of Commission is that it can investigate, gather the facts and come to some determination of why those types of things happened in 1942 that we experienced. We know from the documents that we have been able to see there was no question of our loyalty as far as the Government was con-

## **Bucketing – Getting Ready to Write**

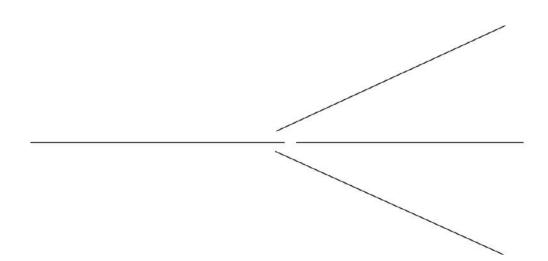
## Bucketing

Look over all the documents and organize them into your final buckets. Write final bucket labels under each bucket and place the letters of the documents in the buckets where they belong. It is okay to put a document in more than one bucket. Remember, your buckets are going to become your body paragraphs.



#### **Thesis Development and Roadmap**

On the chickenfoot below, write your thesis and your roadmap. Your thesis is always an opinion and answers the Mini-Q question. The road map is created from your bucket labels and lists the topic areas you will examine in order to prove your thesis.



# From Thesis to Essay Writing

## Mini-Q Essay Outline Guide

**Working Title** 

Paragraph #1 Grabber

Background

Stating the question with key terms defined

Thesis and roadmap

**Paragraph #2** Baby Thesis for bucket one

Evidence: supporting detail from documents with document citation

Argument: connecting evidence to the thesis

**Paragraph #3** Baby Thesis for bucket one

Evidence: supporting detail from documents with document citation

Argument: connecting evidence to the thesis

**Paragraph #4** Baby Thesis for bucket one

Evidence: supporting detail from documents with document citation

Argument: connecting evidence to the thesis

#### Paragraph #5

Conclusion: Restatement of main idea along with possible insight or wrinkle

# Rubric

Here are the standards for the DBQ essay scores from the highest score of a 5, to the lowest score a 0. You will earn one of these scores if the DBQ answer demonstrates the following:

5	<ul> <li>A strong thesis statement. It directly answers the question.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>The essay thoroughly addresses all aspects of the task by accurately</li> </ul>
	analyzing and interpreting at least 3 documents.
	<ul> <li>Incorporates information from the documents in the body of the essay.</li> </ul>
	Incorporates relevant outside information.
	<ul> <li>Richly supports the theme or problem with relevant facts, examples, and details.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Excellent organization; a well-written essay with proper spelling, grammar, and mechanics.</li> </ul>
4	A thesis that answers the question.
	<ul> <li>The essay addresses all aspects of the task by accurately analyzing and interpreting at least 3 documents.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Incorporates information from the documents in the body of the essay.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Incorporates some relevant outside information.</li> </ul>
	Includes relevant facts, examples, and details, but discussion may be more
	descriptive than analytical
	<ul> <li>Clear organization and good writing; only minor errors in spelling,</li> </ul>
	grammar, and mechanics.
3	A weaker thesis that may not adequately answer the question.
	<ul> <li>Addresses most aspects of the task or addresses all aspects of the task in a limited way, using some of the documents.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Incorporates some information from the documents in the body of the essay.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Incorporates limited or no relevant outside information.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Includes some facts, examples, and details, but discussion is more descriptive than analytical.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Weaker organization and writing; errors in spelling, grammar, and mechanics that detract from the essay's quality.</li> </ul>
2	<ul> <li>A weak thesis that fails to adequately answer or even address the question.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Attempts to address some aspects of the task, making limited use of the</li> </ul>
	documents.
	<ul> <li>Presents no relevant outside information.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Includes few facts, examples, and details; discussion restates contents of the documents.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Poorly organized essay and writing; many errors in spelling, grammar, and mechanics.</li> </ul>
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1	<ul> <li>A confused and unfocused thesis that fails to address the question.</li> <li>Shows limited understanding of the task with vague, unclear references to the documents.</li> <li>Presents no relevant outside information.</li> <li>Includes little or no accurate or relevant facts, details, or examples.</li> <li>Disorganized and unfocused writing; many errors in spelling, grammar, and mechanics.</li> </ul>	
0	No thesis statement; no attempt to address the question. No understanding of the topic or question; fails to address the task. No use or only misuse and misunderstanding of the documents. No information from any learning beyond simply the documents used. A lack of organization and structure. Little attempt made. Blank paper.	

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