

### Document 1

The excerpt below is from Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the relocation of Japanese Americans.

Executive Order No. 9066

#### AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF WAR TO PRESCRIBE MILITARY AREAS

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):

**Source:** President Franklin D. Roosevelt, Executive Order 9066, February 19, 1942

### Document 2

#### 100,000 Japs Now Cleared From Coast

Almost 100,000 Japanese have already been moved from their West Coast homes and farms, or are under orders to be moved, the Wartime Civil Control Administration reported here yesterday.

WCCA officials said 94,330 are now in assembly or relocation centers, 2342 are being moved, and 3035 have received orders to evacuate within the next 10 days.

**Source:** San Francisco Chronicle, May 20, 1942

### Document 3

Although some people may discriminate against me, I shall never become bitter or lose faith...I am firm in my belief that American sportsmanship and the attitude of fair play will judge citizenship and patriotism on the basis of action and achievement, and not on the basis of physical characteristics...

**Source:** Creed of The Japanese-American Citizens League, 1940

What impact did this presidential decision have on civil liberties?

#### Document 4

Yesterday, Dec. 7, 1941 – a date which will live in infamy – the United States of America was suddenly and

I believe I interpret the will of the Congress and of the people when I assert that we will not only defend ourselves to the uttermost, but will make very certain that this form of treachery shall never endanger us again.

Hostilities exist. There is no blinking at the fact that our people, our territory and our interests are in grave danger.

With confidence in our armed forces – with the unbending determination of our people – we will gain the inevitable triumph – so help us God.

I ask that the Congress declare that since the unprovoked and dastardly attack by Japan on Sunday, Dec. 7, a state of war has existed between the United States and the Japanese empire.

**Source:** FDR, Pearl Harbor Speech, December 8, 1941

The attack yesterday on the Hawaiian islands has caused severe damage to American naval and military forces. Very many American lives have been lost. In addition, American ships have been reported torpedoed on the high seas between San Francisco and Honolulu.

Yesterday, the Japanese government also launched an attack against Malaya.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked Hong Kong.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked Guam.

Last night, Japanese forces attacked the Philippine Islands.

Last night, the Japanese attacked Wake Island.

This morning, the Japanese attacked Midway Island.

Japan has, therefore, undertaken a surprise offensive extending throughout the Pacific area. The facts of yesterday speak for themselves. The people of the United States have already formed their opinions and well understand the implications to the very life and safety of our nation.

As commander in chief of the Army and Navy, I have directed that all measures be taken for our defense.

Always we will remember the charter of the onslaught against us.

No matter how long it may take us to overcome this premeditated invasion, the American people in their righteous might will win through to absolute victory.

#### Document 4 cont.

List 5 pieces of evidence that FDR used to state that Congress should declare war on Japan. Do you believe that these reasons are justifiable?

## Document 5



How do these posters illustrate the role of women during World War II?

## Document 6



Describe the variety of ways war bond advertisements, such as these, contributed to the war effort.

## Document 7

Korematsu was not excluded from the Military Area because of hostility to him or his race. He was excluded because we are at war with the Japanese Empire, because the properly constituted military authorities feared an invasion of our West Coast and felt constrained to take proper security measures, because they decided that the military urgency of the situation demanded that all citizens of Japanese ancestry be segregated from the West Coast temporarily, and finally, because Congress, reposing its confidence in this time of war in our military leaders – as inevitably it must – determined that they should have the power to do just this. There was evidence of disloyalty on the part of some, the military authorities considered that the need for action was great, and time was short. We cannot – by availing ourselves of the calm perspective of hindsight – now say that at that time these actions were unjustified.

**Source:** Justice Black, *Korematsu vs. United States*

According to Justice Black, why was it necessary to enforce Executive Order 9066?

## Document 8



How might the lawyers for Korematsu and Hirabayashi have used this image to support their clients in their respective Supreme Court cases?

## Document 9

### Jews Killed Under Nazi Rule\*

|                                         | Original Jewish Population | Jews Killed | Percent Surviving |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Poland                                  | 3,300,000                  | 2,800,000   | 15%               |
| Soviet Union (area occupied by Germans) | 2,100,000                  | 1,500,000   | 29%               |
| Hungary                                 | 404,000                    | 200,000     | 49%               |
| Romania                                 | 850,000                    | 425,000     | 50%               |
| Germany/Austria                         | 270,000                    | 210,000     | 22%               |

\*Estimates

Source: Hannah Vogt, *The Burden of Guilt*

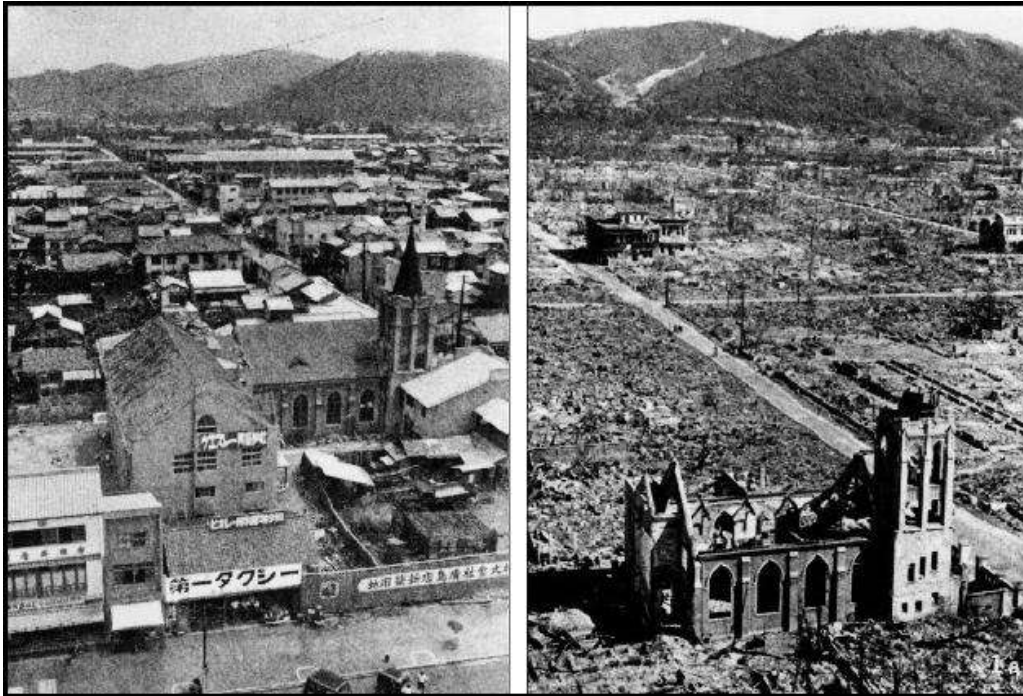


What toll did the Holocaust have on human life?



## Document 10

Hiroshima before and after the “Little Boy” atomic bomb was dropped on the city in 1945



Nagasaki before and after the “Fat Man” atomic bomb was dropped on the city in 1945.



Why do many believe the dropping of these bombs not only ended World War II, but also started the Cold War?

Document 11

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Because the Negro people have not received their just share of jobs in national defense, and our young men have not been integrated into the armed forces of the Nation, including the Army, Navy, Air Corps and Marine, on a basis of equality, some of the Negro leaders have formulated plans and set up the necessary machinery in the various sections of the country for the purpose of mobilizing from ten to fifty thousand Negroes to march on Washington in the interest of securing jobs and justice in national defense and fair participation and equal integration into the Nation’s military and naval forces.

**Source:** Negro March-on-Washington Committee, June 3, 1941

Why did this African-American soldier tell Mrs. Roosevelt that there would be a March on Washington?

| Essay Pre- Writing Chart - Explain the political and social effects WWII had on the United States |                              |
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| Relevant Information from the Documents                                                           | Relevant Outside Information |
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