"Farewell to Manzanar" Assignment Packet



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	Chapter 2		
	Perspective		

Objective: Understanding how events can affect the author's life

Activity

Imagine that your government tells your family you have to move to an internment camp for your protection and the protection of the country. Since you can only take the things that can fit in your car, make a list of the things that are most important to you and your family.

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Chapter 3

Racial Bias

Objective: Recognizing salient aspects of racial profiling

Activity

The following transcript is a copy of the text ordering Japanese-Americans to prepare to move to internment camps. These orders were posted in California cities highly populated by Japanese-Americans. Assume you are a group of Japanese-Americans, and although you have heard rumors about possible relocations, this is the first time you have seen the official order. Prepare a list of questions you would discuss with your families and the government representatives at the Civil Control Station.

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"To All Persons of Japanese Ancestry"

Western Defense Command and Fourth Army Wartime Civil Control Administration, Presidio of San Francisco, California

May 3, 1942

Instructions to All Persons of Japanese Ancestry Living in the Following Area:

All of that portion of the County of Alameda, State of California, within the boundary beginning at the point where the southerly limits of the City of Oakland meet San Francisco Bay; thence easterly and following the southerly limits of said city to U.S. Highway No. 50; thence southerly and easterly on said Highway No. 50 to its intersection with California State Highway No. 21; thence southerly on said Highway No. 21 to its intersection, at or near Warm Springs, with California State Highway No. 17; thence southerly on said Highway No. 17 to the Alameda-Santa Clara County line; thence westerly and following said county line to San Francisco Bay; thence northerly, and following the shoreline of San Francisco Bay to the point of Beginning.

Pursuant to the provisions of Civilian Exclusion Order No. 34, this Headquarters, dated May 3, 1942, all persons of Japanese ancestry, both alien and non-alien, will be evacuated from the above area by 12 o'clock noon, P. W. T., Sunday, May 9, 1942.

No Japanese person living in the above area will be permitted to change residence after 12 o'clock noon, P. W. T., Sunday, May 3, 1942, without obtaining special permission from the representative of the Commanding General, Northern California Sector, at the Civil Control Station located at: 920 "C" Street,

Hayward, California.

Such permits will only be granted for the purpose of uniting members of a family, or in cases of grave emergency.

The Civil Control Station is equipped to assist the Japanese population affected by this evacuation in the following ways:

- 1. Give advice and instructions on the evacuation.
- 2. Provide services with respect to the management, leasing, sale, storage or other disposition of most kinds of property, such as real estate, business and professional equipment, household goods, boats, automobiles and livestock.
- 3. Provide temporary residence elsewhere for all Japanese in family groups.
- 4. Transport persons and a limited amount of clothing and equipment to their new residence.

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The Following Instructions Must Be Observed:

- 1. A responsible member of each family, preferably the head of the family, or the person in whose name most of the property is held, and each individual living alone, will report to the Civil Control Station to receive further instructions. This must be done between 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Monday, May 4, 1942, or between 9:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M. on Tuesday, May 5, 1942.
- 2. Evacuees must carry with them on departure for the Assembly Center, the following property:
 - (a) Bedding and linens (no mattress) for each member of the family;
 - (b) Toilet articles for each member of the family;
 - (c) Extra clothing for each member of the family;
 - (d) Sufficient knives, forks, spoons, plates, bowls and cups for each member of the family;
 - (e) Essential personal effects for each member of the family. All items carried will be securely packaged, tied and plainly marked with the name of the owner and numbered in accordance with instructions obtained at the Civil Control Station. The size and number of packages is limited to that which can be carried by the individual or family group.
- 3. No pets of any kind will be permitted.
- 4. No personal items and no household goods will be shipped to the Assembly Center.
- 5. The United States Government through its agencies will provide for the storage, at the sole risk of the owner, of the more substantial household items, such as iceboxes, washing machines, pianos and other heavy furniture. Cooking utensils and other small items will be accepted for storage if crated, packed and plainly marked with the name and address of the owner. Only one name and address will be used by a given family.
- 6. Each family, and individual living alone, will be furnished transportation to the Assembly Center or will be authorized to travel by private automobile in a supervised group. All instructions pertaining to the movement will be obtained at the Civil Control Station.

Go to the Civil Control Station between the hours of 8:00 A. M. and 5:00 P. M., Monday, May 4, 1942, or between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P. M., Tuesday, May 5, 1942, to receive further instructions.

J. L. DeWITT Lieutenant General, U.S. Army Commanding

See Civilian Exclusion Order No. 24.

Excerpted from "Manzanar Feasibility Study" (Sacramento, CA: State of California, 1974), n.p., National Historic Landmark files, National Park Service.

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	Chapters 2–4	
	Descriptive Language	
Objective:	Identifying descriptive words that create visual images	
Activity		
Manzanar	2, 3, and 4 include many phrases that create an image of the physical environment at when the Wakatsuki family arrived. Complete the chart below listing phrases that ne internment camp facilities. We have done one for you.	
Reference	Phrase	
Pg. 18	"yellow swirl across a blurred, reddish setting sun"	
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B. Once you have completed the chart, write a paragraph expressing how you would feel living in this type of environment.

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	Chapters 2–5		
	Racial Bias		
Objective:	Understanding bias against different cultures		
Activity			
Before going to Manzanar and during the first several months, the members of the Wakatsuki family were victims of discrimination because they were Japanese. About Mama, Jeanne says, "She would quickly subordinate her own desires to those of the family or the communityAt the same time she placed a high premium on personal privacyAlmost everyone at Manzanar had inherited this pair of traits from the generations before them who had learned to live in a small, crowded country like Japan." (Pg. 33)			

Jeanne and her family tolerated many slights and discriminatory actions. In your group, complete the following chart by identifying specific events that the Wakatsuki family considered personal insults and their responses. The first one is done for you.

Reference	Event	Response
Pg. 13	U. S. Navy decides to clear everyone from	Mama goes to American Friends
	Terminal Island, even if they are American-	Service for help finding another
	born. The Navy gives everyone 48 hours notice	home; she packs up the family and
	to leave.	moves.
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	Chapter 9	
	Cultural Conflict	
Objective:	Understanding conflict that results from cultural clashes	

Activity

By December, many of the Japanese-Americans are very angry and tired of being held as prisoners at Manzanar. Chapter 9 describes a riot that starts because of the conditions in the camp. Use magazines to create a collage that illustrates the causes of the riot and the feelings of the people that led to the December riot.

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	Chapter 12	

Setting

Objective: Inferring setting elements from text

Activity

This chapter describes the physical layout of the camp and many of the areas the Japanese-Americans used for activities and entertainment. Pretend that you and your family must live in an internment camp. Draw and label a diagram of the facilities in the camp where you live. If you want to, you can use computer graphics, drawing, or paint programs. Be sure to include such places as fields and buildings for activities that you would like to do, places to eat, schools, housing units, churches, and meeting areas.

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		Chapters 13–14	
		Personal Conflict	
Objective: Identifying	the three types	of personal conflict	
Activity			
In our lives, we usually ennature, and conflicts with of conflict for Jeanne.	counter three t ourselves. Com	types of conflicts—conflicts with other people, conflicts with applete the following chart with examples of each of these types	
Type of Conflict	Reference	Event	
Conflict with Other People Conflict with Nature			
Conflict with Herself		*	

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	Chapter 18	
	Perspective	
Objective: Seeing a character from a diff	ferent perspective	
Activity	* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *	
is surprised by many things he has seen an	o Ka-ke, the home of Papa's family outside of Hiroshima. He d many reactions of Papa's family. Several times he mentions other. Complete the following chart about Woody's reactions for you.	
Reference/Event	Woody's Reaction	
Pg. 142—Woody sees the grave created for his father in 1913.	He wonders about Aunt Toyo's mental condition since he has already told her that Papa's alive.	
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	Chapters 20–21	
	Character Relationships	•
Objective: Understandin	g relationships between characters	
Activity	•	
begins to struggle. Her fathe wants to be like all the other	leaves Manzanar and moves to Cabillo or demands that she act like a suitable or American girls. Complete the chart l onma of pleasing her father versus bein	Japanese young woman, but she below by describing specific events in
Event	Papa's Reaction	Jeanne's Reaction
Jeanne is majorette for the Boy Scouts drum and bugle corps.		
Jeanne is honored at the PTA awards banguet.	±0	
Jeanne wins the honor of being the annual Carnival queen.		
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