# Japanese Internment

### Executive Order 9066 February 19, 1942

Relocated all persons of Japanese ancestry from California, parts of Washington, Arizona, and Oregon to "relocation centers"

#### **Ten Internment Camp Locations**



#### JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT CAMPS

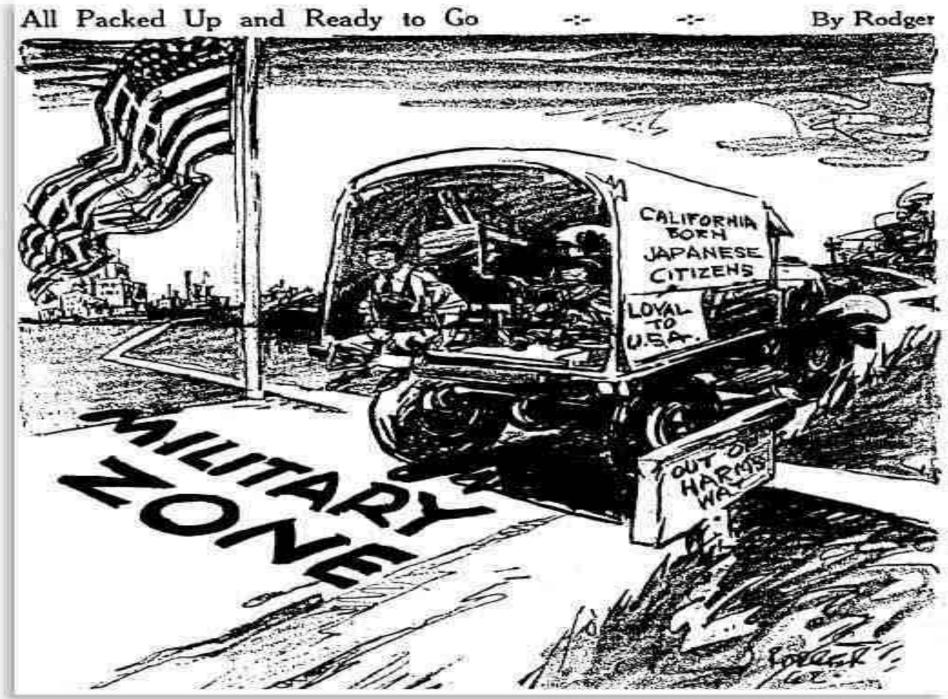
# Purpose >To prevent espionage

To protect persons of Japanese descent from harm at the hands of Americans who had strong anti-Japanese attitudes.









San Francisco News - March 6, 1942

 Directions given:
 Only given short notice to sell their homes, businesses, and belongings for less than their true value

Could only take bedding, linen, toilet articles, extra clothing, eating utensils, and essential personal items

Not allowed to bring pets or nonessential personal items, and no household goods would be shipped Who Was Affected
> 110,000 people of Japanese descent

-2/3 were Nisei-native-born citizens of the US

-The Issei were the first generation of Japanese, born in Japan and immigrated to this country

# Living Quarters

Makeshift barracks divided into "apartments" - one room (18 x 20 feet) for a whole family

Furniture and appliances- army cots, mattresses (some made of straw), stove (used for heat), bulb hanging from the ceiling (for light)

#### "Apartments" didn't have showers or toilets

#### > Only one window

Public showers, toilets, messhalls, canteens, and laundry rooms were about 2 blocks from "apartments"











#### Treatment on grounds

➤ Like a prison → guards ordered to shoot anyone who approached within 20 ft. of the fence

> 9 pm Curfew→ no one allowed even to the bathroom after 9.

# Internment Camp Grounds



#### High School at Internment Camp



#### **Elementary School**

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#### **Japanese Playing**





#### **Japanese Working**

# Japanese Working



#### Korematsu v. U.S. (1944)

Fred Korematsu in his early 20's, tried to enlist twice in army but rejected, never arrested or in trouble, worked in a defense plant, posed as a Chinese man so he wouldn't be taken away from his white girlfriend

> Was arrested for violating the exclusion order

Court upheld the restrictions- "a military necessity"

## **Releasing Japanese**

>In December of 1944, President **Roosevelt rescinded Executive** Order 9066, and the WRA began a six-month process of releasing internees and shutting down the camps. In August 1945, the war was over.

#### Restitution

Japanese American Citizens Leaguepushed gov't to compensate those interned

- > 1976- Pres. Ford repealed Executive Order 9066
- >1984- Korematsu's conviction overturned

> 1990 Check for \$20,000 sent to every Japanese American sent to a relocation camp "We can never fully right the wrong of the past. But we can take a clear stand for justice and recognize that serious injustices were done to Japanese Americans during World War II"

#### -George Bush Sr.