

Visible Target: The Internment of Japanese Americans in WW II

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the US declaration of war against Japan, thousands of Japanese Americans were ordered to leave their homes and go to "internment camps." People feared the Japanese Americans, most of whom were US citizens by birth, might be loyal to Japan. President Roosevelt signed the Executive Order 9066 and 110,000 Japanese Americans were sent to camps in the Western US, surrounded by barbed wire for much of WW II.

As you watch the film **Visible Target** answer the following questions:

1. How did it appear that Japanese American and whites on Bainbridge Island got along before the war?
2. What was the reaction of many of the Japanese Americans to the US decision to place them in relocation camps?
3. Was there any evidence that Japanese Americans were disloyal to the US during World War 2, according to the film?
4. What were conditions in the camps like?
5. What happened to the property of Japanese Americans?
6. Why do you think this short film was called: Visible Target?
7. Do you think Japanese American Internment was right or wrong? Do you think anything like this could happen today?