

Life Interrupted: The Japanese American Experience in WWII Arkansas

Journey Home Curriculum

An interdisciplinary unit for 4th-6th grade students



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Life Interrupted is a partnership between the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Public History program and the Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles, California. Our mission is to research the experiences of Japanese Americans in World War II Arkansas and educate the citizens of Arkansas and the nation about the two camps at Jerome and Rohwer. Major funding for *Life Interrupted* was provided by the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation.

We share the story of Japanese Americans because we honor our nation's diversity. We believe in the importance of remembering our history to better guard against the prejudice that threatens liberty and equality in a democratic society. We strive as a metropolitan university and a world-class museum and to provide a voice for Japanese Americans and a forum that enables all people to explore their own heritage and culture. We promote continual exploration of the meaning and value of ethnicity in our country through programs that preserve individual dignity, strengthen our communities, and increase respect among all people.

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