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Tokugawa Period: 1st contact w/ U.S. Europe; isolation; unequal treaties

1846 - Commodore Biddle visits Urata

1853 - Commodore Matthew Perry's black ships land

1854 - Treaty of Kanagawa - opens Japan to U.S.

1856 - Consul Gen. Townsend Harris at Shimoda

1858 - 1st commercial treaty with U.S.

1860s - Anti-foreign agitation in Southern Japan

1863 - Armed skirmishes between Southern domains & foreign ships

1863-68 - Restoration forces oppose Tokugawa call to expel foreigners; Shogunate; modernize Japan

Meiji Era: 1868-1912 Modernization

1885 - Emigration legalized

1894 - U.S.-Japan treaty - "Most Favored Nation"

Meiji govt. undoes unequal treaties

1894-5 - Sino-Japanese War: Treaty of Shimonoseki
Japanese victory; but must return Liaotung Province under Russian, French, German pressure

1900 - Japan, Europe, U.S. crush Boxer uprising

1904-5 - Russo-Japanese War: 1st colored victory over white colonialism; capture of Port Arthur, Mukden

Adm. Togo's naval victory at Tsushima

Treaty of Portsmouth; foothold in China, Korea

1907 - Gentlemen's Agreement talks

Japan restricts labor passports

1908 - 3/18/08 Gentlemen's Agreement

Treaty gives reciprocal rights to residents of both nations.

1st Immigrants: Flee restoration forces

Most Issei born & raised at this time "Meiji Era" men - bold & forward-looking; respectful of Emperor

1890: 1st large wave of Isseis to Hawaii as contract laborers in cane fields.

Secondary migration to Mainland (population: 2000)

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1900: 24,326 Japanese in U.S. ALL 3 political parties oppose Asiatic immigration

1905: S.F. School Board announces segregation plan

1906: S.F. earthquake

Racist attacks on Japanese; 10/11/06 S.F. schools segregated

Japanese govt. protests; 12/20/06 W.R. Hearst's Examiner series on "Yellow Peril"

1907: 1st wave of Issei women on Hawaii, Picture Brides

11/3/1907
11/10/1907
Examiner: Richmond Pearson Hobson (naval) predicts Japanese invasion of Pacific coast following conquest of China

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P=Pix Stills, footage, newspapers
S=Sound Speeches, radio broadcasts
D=Document
Music

memos, announcements,
letters, articles,
diaries, private &
interviews - of the
period

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- Taisho Era: 1912-26 Industrial Revolution; urbanization; mass culture; political parties; drive for foreign markets
- 1911 - US-Japan Treaty of Commerce
- 1914 - World War I: Japanese seize Germany's China Pacific colonies (Tsingtao; Solomon Isle) ✓ ✓
- 1915 - 21 demands on China (trade, travel, economic privileges preferential for white supremacists)
- 1919 - Versailles Treaty: Japan proposes insertion of "racial equality". US, GB, Fr refuse, in formation of league ✓ ✓
- 1921 - Washington naval limitation conference
Unequal naval tonnage for Japan vs. US, GB
US: 5, GB: 5, Japan: 3 Total tonnage of fighting ships ✓ ✓
- 1924 - Japan abrogates Gentlemen's Agreement
Showa Era: 1926 Emperor Hirohito ✓
- 1929 - Japan's silk trade collapses; depression; mass hunger; left wing political agitation; right wing officers oppose govt; corruption; military ferment; attempt to bring down govt; desperation & fanaticism ✓ ✓ ✓
- 1930 - London Naval Treaty: Yamamoto unsuccessful attempt to achieve equality; lost again to Washington treaty ✓
- 1931 - Manchurian Incident; basis for beginning attack on China ✓ ✓
- 1932 - Shanghai Campaign; "Manchukuo" - Emperor Pu-Yi; full scale war with China
- 1936 - Anti-Comintern Pact; Italy & Germany against Russia ✓ ✓

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Most Niseis born 1908-24

- 1908 Picture brides to mainland: ✓ ✓
- 1913: Ca. Alien Land Law - State Assembly ✓ ✓
- 1917-18: Isseis serve in U.S. Army - WWI (Rudi's father & Kurihara) ✓ ✓
- 1919: ^{Asiatee} ~~Asian~~ Exclusion League formed vs. McClatchy, former ed. Bee; Director of A.P. ^{Sacto.} (Assn. Press) ^{Return bride becomes issue.} ✓ ✓
- 1920: Stronger land law vs. leasing
Nisei political groups forming - Young Democrats
(1919-1920 15,211 Issei women, 4,378 children born same year) ✓ ✓
- 1924: ~~Immigration Act of 1924: Cut off immigration; Exclusion~~ ✓ ✓
- 1929: Stock Market Crash - Great Depression; nisei aggravated unemployment in spite of college education ✓ ✓
- 1930: JACL formed; political formation to advance Nisei interests exclusively; issei patriarchal power; angered exclusion from community; power of issei; inter-generational conflict ✓ ✓
- 1933: Roosevelt's first term ✓ ✓

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1932 - Shanghai Campaign; creation of "Manchukuo" ✓ ✓

1937 - 7/7/37 War with China ✓ ✓
 12/13/37 Capture of Nanking ✓ ✓
 Japan abrogates naval treaties ✓ ✓
 Construction of Yamato, biggest battleship in history ✓ ✓

1938 - Capture Canton ✓ ✓

1939 - Japan walks out of League ✓ ✓
 8/30/39 Yamamoto-CC fleet ✓ ✓
 Represents Japan's commitment to naval superiority in modern innovative terms; the challenge to America made definite ✓ ✓

1940 - Military govt. takeover ✓ ✓

6/28/40 Alien Registration Act ✓

1941 - March-Operation "Z" training ✓
 Adm. Yamamoto & Cmdr. Minoru Genda ✓
 Pearl Harbor preparations ✓

1933: Roosevelt's first term ✓ ✓
 NRA, New Deal, Jazz; recovery from depression; dustbowl Oakies ✓ ✓
 1935-37 Strikes; Flint, Mich. CIO Bldg. ✓ ✓

1937: Joe DiMaggio - top hitter - Yankees ✓ ✓
 6/22/37 Joe Louis - heavyweight champ ✓ ✓
 1/20/37 Roosevelt's 2nd term ✓ ✓
Big Band, swing craze; internal strife; Escapism ✓ ✓
American Bund fascism; isolation; general attitude: non-intervention ✓ ✓

1939: DiMaggio leads A.L. in hitting; Hollywood stars; LaGuardia; denial of refuge to Jews-ship outside N.Y. harbor ✓ ✓

1940: June-Pacific fleet from SF/San Diego; forward position; moved to Pearl Harbor expected attack; America committed ✓ ✓
 8/27/40 Congress requires residents (foreign) to register - tied to Fall of France ✓ ✓
 9/16/40 Roosevelt signs Selective Serv. Act ✓ ✓
 10/16/40 Draft registration; males 17-35; Stimson draws 1st name-draft ✓ ✓
 10/26/40 U.S. scrap embargo of Japan ✓ ✓
ILWU; Chinese ✓ ✓
 By Pearl Harbor approx. already 800+ JA in U.S. Army & Natl Guard ✓ ✓

1941: Roosevelt, Churchill form Atlantic Charter; growing alignment w/ British ✓ ✓
 1/20/41 Roosevelt's 3rd term ✓ ✓
 3/10/41 Lend Lease Act-Arsenal of Democ. 50 destroyers ✓ ✓
 6/14/41 Roosevelt freeze German, Italian assets; last ship Japan to US in summer ✓ ✓
 FDR seizes ships, closes German consulate ✓ ✓
 7/6/41 FDR Four Freedoms Speech-America's WWII values ✓ ✓
 7/26/41 FDR freezes Japanese banking assets in US; war becomes inevitable ✓ ✓

1932: Chancellor Hitler repudiates Versailles Treaty ✓ ✓

1936: Spanish Civil War ✓ ✓

1937: Munich Agreement: Germany takes Sudetenland; Hitler abrogates Versailles Treaty; Chamberlain ✓ ✓

1939: 3/13/39 Austrian Anschluss ✓ ✓
 9/1/39 Invasion of Poland ✓ ✓
 9/3/39 Allies declare war (Britain, France, Holland) ✓ ✓
 Nuremberg rally; fleeing Jews ✓ ✓

1940: Germany's Blitzkrieg: Denmark, Quisling, Norway, Belgium, Holland, France; Dunkirk retreat ✓ ✓
 Spring '40, 5th column image (held out for 4 years, collapsed in 4 days)

1941: German bombing London-Luftwaft air battle of Britain ✓ ✓
 Vichy-installed France ✓ ✓
 North African Campaign ✓ ✓
 Rommel vs. Montgomery ✓ ✓
 Italians & Germans against British ✓ ✓

follows upon Jap pushy Vichy Indo Fr China

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10/18/41 Hideki Tojo-Prime minister
General from the war party; secret society; Black Dragon; political assassination; all out war

✓ ✓

8/1/41 FDR oil licensing system
Cut off oil to Japan

✓

11/26/41 Fleet sails for Hawaii

✓ ✓

12/7/41 "Y Day" Adm. Chuichi Nagumo

✓ ✓

12/7/41 Pearl Harbor 7:55-9:45 A.M.: lost or severely destroyed 8 battleships, 3 cruisers, 11 other ships, 96 aircraft
All battleships lost; 2,000 killed, 1,000 wounded
Radio announcement interrupts Yankee-Dodger game

✓ ✓

12/8/41 Roosevelt "Day of Infamy" speech to Congress

✓ ✓

FBI arrests begin: 1500 in 1st waves
12/15/41 Sec. of Navy, Frank Knox: L.A. Press Conference; "Most effective 5th Column"

✓

12/11/41 US declares war on Italy & Germany

✓ ✓ ✓

12/25 Fall of Hong Kong, 1st British colony

✓ ✓

12/17/41 Niihau Incident; Japanese fighter-pilot captured by 299th JA soldier Jack Mizuda

✓

12/22/41 Gen. Homma, 14th Army surround Manila

✓

Territorial Guard (inc. ROTC) called to duty (300+ JA in territ. guard) protecting installations due to personnel shortage; later mainland replacements allowed second thoughts & removal of JA soldier's weapons

1942

1/2/42 Fall of Manila
MacArthur retreats to Bataan, Corregidor; "I shall return"

✓ ✓

1942

1/16/42 Rep. Leland Ford's letter to Stimson (Santa Monica) / Calls for "Concentration Camps"

✓

1/21/42 Dewitt's recommendations to Stimson limited evacuation of Aliens

✓ ✓

1/29/42 Dept. of Justice announces lim. evac.

✓ ✓

1/21/42 Army ordered 317 JA territorial natl guard dismantled, discharged; 298th regiment & 299th regiment=1,500 still intact; Varsity Victory Volunteers (college ROTC) as labor battalions; Morale committee & FBI were against massive evac. of JAs

✓

2/3/42 Archibald MacLeish's letter oppose evac. (MacLeish formerly of Office of Facts & Figures predecessor of OWI) to Stimson

✓ ✓

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2/15/42 Capture of Singapore ✓

✓ ✓

3/9 Fall of Java; Indonesian oil fields
Jap. parachutes

✓ ✓

3/18/42 Doolittle's raid on Tokyo

✓ ✓

- 2/3/42 Stillwell's journal about false rumors & army ineptness ✓ ✓
- 2/4/42 Enmons "yes/lat" mass evacuation-Hawaii 1700 Hawaiian JA arrested/detained 1000 evacuated ✓ ✓
- Calif. Gov. Culbert Olson-Radio- "JA's 5th Column" ✓ ✓
- Feb. Henry McLemore, L.A. journalist calling for stronger action ✓ ✓
- 2/12/42 ~~Mark Clark's memo~~-oppose evac.; Biddle memoirs about his ambivalence; Walter Lippman column attack on excessive concern for civil rights; calls for stronger action (vs. Biddle) ✓ ✓
- McCloy & Bedentson memos, phone conv. urging stronger evac. program ✓ ✓
- 2/13/42 Pac. Coast Congress Delegation-Roosev. (letter) unanimous signatures urging stronger evac. of "Aliens" ✓ ✓
- Print & Radio: Fanning of the rabid racism ✓ ✓
- 2/19/42 FDR signs EO 9066 empowering military to decide what military zones; who is included; moved to where; time sched.; any measures necessary ✓ ✓
- Feb-March Tolan Hearings ✓ ✓
- 2/21; 2/23 Earl Warren maps "2 Japs" JACL & other JA; Tolan testimony LaGuardia ✓ ✓
- 3/2/42 Dewitt: Public proclamation #1-Defense area-marked state East/West ½ ✓ ✓
- 3/7/42 Governors protest unrestricted resettlement-Utah, Nev., Wyo., Colo., New Mexico, Wash., Calif ✓ ✓
- 3/11/42 Western Civil Control Admin.-Bendetsen "carry only"... "report at" ✓ ✓
- 3/18/42 FDR Creates WRA, Milt. Eisenhower, Dir. M. Eisenhower letter of self doubt ✓ ✓
- 3/21/42 Hirabayashi convicted-curfew violation refusal to report to WCCA; Seattle District Court ✓ ✓
- 3/22/42 LA JAs arrive in Manzanar ✓ ✓
- 3/23/42 Civil Exclusion Order: Bainbridge - Puyallup ✓ ✓
- 3/27/42 End of Voluntary Migration ✓ ✓
- March, End of JA enlistment, inductions LA to 4C (Draft card of period) ✓ ✓

SALT LAKE CITY meetg with w/ Eisenhower; OS Governor Ralph Can of Colorado

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- 5/6/42 Wainwright's surrender ✓ ✓
- 5/7-8 Battle of Coral Sea; Yorktown sunk; standstill (Jap. battling for Port Moresby, New Guinea to use as base to cut off Australian shipping lanes. ✓ ✓
- 6/3-5 Midway- turning of the tide; end of possibility of Jap. invasion; Pearl Harbor safe; frontline 3,000 mi. away; lost 3 Jap. carriers; a lot of pilots; American planes going off battleship; superior intelligence; use of radar; Yamamoto's 1st major defeat; breathing time to prepare ✓ ✓
- 8/7/42 Guadacanal begins from Nimitz fleet; marine landing; until 2/43 "The Slot" ✓ ✓
- 9/17-25 Aust., US stop Japanese; advance in New Guinea ✓ ✓

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- 5/8/42 Gila River out of state evac. (Arizona) from Santa Anita/Pomona ✓
- 5/12/42 Emmons recommends 298th, 299th all Nisei battalions to Mainland ✓
- 5/19/42 298th confined to Schofield Barracks ✓ ✓
- 5/26 Gen. Geo. C. Marshall formation of 100th unit *Hawaiian Provisional* ✓ ✓
- 6/5/42 Hawaiian Provisional Bn-Lt.Col. Farrant Turner; sail for Mainland *(Inouye?)* ✓
- 6/10/42 Arrive in Oakland *(1200) (ABCDEF) Designated by 100th* ✓ ✓
- 6/12/42 Camp McCoy, Wisc. ✓ ✓
- 6/13/42 OWI created MacLeish; Elmer Davis ✓
- 6/17/42 Dillon S. Myer replaces Milt. Eisenhower ✓
- 42: MIS recruiters in camps Recruit GOSHO ✓ ✓
- 10/1 WRA okays leave clearance; able-bodied Nisei, Issei wanting out; helping with beet farming-Wyoming, Idaho, productivity ✓ ✓
- 11/3/42 Lovell, 25 men to Cat Island for dog training (Wisc. to Mississippi) ✓ ✓
- 11/3/42 Evacuation complete ✓ ✓
- 11/14/42 Gila-Anti JACL beating; 11/42 JACL calls for volunteers for right to serve; asking for IA; anger; change in mood; loss of military serv., becoming identified with govt. bad faith because of 4C ✓ ✓
- 11/23/42 Poston-Anti JACL riot ✓ ✓
- 12/6/42 Manzanar Incident: 2 killed, MPs take over; Manzanar Strike: release Harry Ueno; food, corruption; Topaz shooting death of elderly Issei; Wakassa ✓ ✓

Rommel defeated in El Alemain ✓ ✓

10/2/42 Elmer Davis letter to Roosevelt

Font Massachusetts on Stip Island

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1943

- Naval battles: Philippines Sea US victories ✓ ✓

1943

- 1/14-20 Casablanca Confab: Roosevelt, Churchill McCloy, Myers meet-Army plans for 5000 man combat team ✓ ✓
- 1/28/43 Stimson announces plan for combat team ✓ ✓
- 2/1/43 442nd activated; FDR backup ✓ ✓
- 2/8/43 WRA administers; loyalty questionnaire; 6700 nos; 2000 yes, but 3218 refusal to sign; 65,000 yes; Internal camp splits; 1200 volunteers, 800 accepted; ✓ ✓

1943

10/20/44 US landing Philippines MacArthur-Leyte ✓
 10/24/44 B-29s bomb Japan ✓

10/44 Cheyenne draft resistance trial of 63 Niseis; imprisonment-Ft. Leavenworth, McNeil Island ✓

10/44 JOHN J. MCCLOY visits 442nd, Camp Shelby ✓

12/18/44 Supreme Court ^{upholds} Korematsu & ^{grants writ of Habeas Corp. to BUDO} ✓

12/15/44 Myer announces plan lifting of exclusion order ✓

9/30/44 442nd land at Marseille (Rudy's C-ration caper); march up Rhone Valley ✓

10/13/44 Join 36th Div-John Dahlquist ✓

10/15/44 Bruyeres-100th & 2nd Bn w/ 752nd Tank Bn. ✓

10/19/44 Belmont - O'Conner Task Force ✓

10/21-23 Biffontaine ✓

10/27-30 Lost Bn: Vosges Forest ✓

11/3-9 Clear St. Die Ridge ✓

Epinal-Higuchi Lord's Prayer Incident ✓

11/23/44 "Champaign Campaign" ✓

12/44 Christmas party for (I Company) St. Joseph's Orphanage. Pfc George Handman, Escarene, Frouel. ✓

1945

2/5/45 USA capture Manila ✓
 2/10-3/17 Iwo Jima ✓
 3/10;4/6 Tokyo rebombing ✓
 3/1-6/23 Okinawa; Kubo civilians ✓
 3/7/45 Adm. Suzuki-Prime Minister ✓

1945

1/2/45 Gen. Henry Pratt-WDC-Exclusion ended ✓

1/20/45 Roosevelt's 4th term ✓

2/3-11 Yalta Conference ✓

3/12/45 Roosevelt dies; Truman President; Inaugurated ✓

1-12/45 Racist attacks: Doi (Placer), Iwasaki (Fresno), etc. ✓

4/45 5th Army; 442nd with Italian partisans (Pietro) to win Carrara & Massa ✓

4/13/45 Richard Mowrer, Des Moines Register, report on 5th Army, 442nd; radio dispatch from Italian front; the 442nd "Turks". ✓

4/11/45 NY Times editorial "Action in Italy" in Pacific ✓

4/27/45 Capture Genoa ✓

4/30/45 Capture Turin, last great city in Po Valley ✓

1945 General Marshall commendation report to Congress ✓

1945 Winston Churchill commendation report to Parliament ✓

5/14/45 Harold Ickes denounces racist violence vs. returning evacuees (Secty Inman/WKA) Hood River, Oregon incident-American Legion post seeks removal of Nisei names from honor roll ✓

9/45 Celebration V-J Day; 15,000 allied troops lead by 100/442 Livorno ✓

12/8/45 Stillwell awards Mary Masuda ✓

1945

442nd - 4 month stay in Champagne ✓

^{Nisei Artillery unit} 552nd: Detached-Join 7th Army; 63rd Division ✓

3/12-21 Cross Siegfried Line; cross 45th Div. Rhine, 44th Div.; 63rd Div. Heidelberg ✓

4/1/45 Rothenburg (4th Cavalry Reconnaissance) Dachau-Gate (522 Artillery) ✓

4/26/45 Cross Danube, Morlbach (4th Div. Inf) ✓

4/30/45 Salzburg, Austria (4th Div.; 101st Airborne, Southern Germany) ✓

442nd:

3/25/45 Pisa attached to 92nd Inf. Div. (5th Army, IV Corp.,) (Black Unit) ✓

3/28/45 Partisan capture, execute Mussolini ✓

4/4-5 Gothic line spear head, opened way for 5th Army; Azzano Mtn. attack; (Sadao Munemori (Co. A, 100th) ✓

4/6-8 Mt. Belvedere vs. Kesselring M. G. 2nd Bn; T/Sgt. Yukio Okutsu, F Co., DSC Altagnana; Pariana ✓

4/10-17 Ligurian Coast-Po Valley; Inouye, 1st Lt., E. Co., DSC (Punta Bianca) 4/20 ✓

^{Nisei} 232nd combat engineers Carrara, La Spezia, Torino ✓

4/30/45 Red Army, Berlin, MIS Japanese Embassy ✓

5/2/45 War in Italy over ✓

5/6/45 5th Army memorial serv. in Nova Liguri, near Genoa. ✓

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8/6, 9 A-bombing Hiroshima, Nagasaki
9/2/45 VJ Day; MacArthur- U.S.S. Missouri

✓ ✓
✓ ✓

• 5/8/45 V.E. Day (100th Bn. 20 mos. combat
(442nd 11 mos. combat)
• 5/13/45 5th Army Gen. Lucian Truscott
review at Novi Liguri Airport
5/2-11/1945 occupancy of Austria, sentry serv
12/25/45 Pisa orphans Xmas party; 3rd Bn.
F Co. (680 killed, 67 missing,
9,486 purple hearts)

✓ ✓
✓ ✓
✓ ✓
✓ ✓

1946

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Occupation

1/1/46 Emperor denies divinity
3/10/46 1st election; land reform law

✓ ✓
✓ ✓

3/20/46 Tule Lake - last camp closed

✓

3/13/46 C. Medal of honor ceremony to
Munemori mother, Ms. Nawa Munemori
Tanker, "Pvt. Sadao Munemori"
June 1946 Leghorn ceremonies

✓ ✓
✓ ✓

6/20/46 WRA ended
7/2/46 Wilson victory-arrive N.Y.C.
7/17/46 Truman awards citation; white house
lawn
8/9/46 Waterbury victory; Honolulu-
Makabe, Inouye Incidents; PFC Naito/
VFW

✓ ✓
✓ ✓
✓ ✓
✓ ✓
✓ ✓

War crimes trials (Tojo executed 1948)

✓ ✓

1947

10/10/47 1st Amer. bodies (Pacific) arrive-SF ✓
10/26/47 1st Amer. bodies arrive- NY ✓

Post War

Portland would not issue JA business license; ✓
want more stringent land law.

• Calif. campaigned to escheat land
• 47-48 Truman pardons Draft resisters.
• Repeal Alien Land Law Declared

✓ ✓
✓ ✓

• Establ. citizenship rights

✓ ✓

Hawaii statehood

✓ ✓

Manzanar & Tule Lake pilgrimages

✓ ✓ ✓

Ford rescind EO 9066

✓ ✓

• Establ. Redress Commission

✓ ✓ ✓

Racial & ethnic cultural continuity

✓ ✓ ✓

Redress hearings

✓ ✓ ✓