



Korematsu v. U.S. Primary Sources

These primary resources follow the content and narrative structure of the Annenberg Classroom film [“Korematsu and Civil Liberties.”](#)

Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s address to Congress

- Text of speech: https://www.loc.gov/resource/afc1986022.afc1986022_ms2201/?st=text
- Video of speech: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?419693-1/president-roosevelts-day-infamy-address-congress>

Presidential Order (E.O. 8983) to investigate Pearl Harbor attack

<https://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/node/210490>

Owen J. Roberts report: Attack on Pearl Harbor by Japanese Armed Forces

<http://www.ibiblio.org/pha/pha/roberts/roberts.html>

1913, California Alien Land Law (excerpt)

<https://www.intimeandplace.org/Japanese%20Internment/reading/constitution/alienlandlaw.html>

1924 – Japanese immigration banned

- 1921 law: <https://www.loc.gov/law/help/statutes-at-large/67th-congress/Session%201/c67s1ch8.pdf>
- 1924 law: <https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/exhibitions/artifact/hr-7995-act-limit-immigration-aliens-united-states-johnson-reed-act-april-10>

Biddle opposition to Japanese internment

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FBI statement on Japanese threat

- EO9066 – Presidential executive order implementing Japanese internment
<https://www.archives.gov/historical-docs/todays-doc/?dod-date=219>
- Public Law 503 instituting Japanese internment
<https://www.visitthecapitol.gov/exhibitions/artifact/hr-6758-act-provide-penalty-violation-restrictions-respect-person-military>

“Avenge December 7 (Pearl Harbor)” newsreel

<https://archive.org/details/AvengeDe1942>

“Japanese Relocation” 1943 newsreel

<https://www.c-span.org/video/?323978-1/japanese-relocation>

“A Challenge to Democracy” 1944 newsreel

<https://archive.org/details/Challeng1944>

“Home Movie: 010114: Jerome, Arkansas Relocation Center, ca. 1944”

https://archive.org/details/010114Jerome_201710

Personal Justice Denied – Report of the Commission on wartime relocation and treatment of civilians.
Congressional report 40 years later

<https://www.archives.gov/research/japanese-americans/justice-denied>

Evacuation order

- San Francisco: <http://www.sfmuseum.org/hist9/evacorder.html>)
- Los Angeles:
https://web.archive.org/web/20100709021734/http://ipr.ues.gseis.ucla.edu/images/Evacuation_Poster.pdf)

Korematsu case filings, lower courts through Supreme Court

- Supreme Court decision (12/18/44):
<http://cdn.loc.gov/service/ll/usrep/usrep323/usrep323214/usrep323214.pdf>
Justice Black opinion; Justice Murphy dissent; Justice Roberts dissent; Justice Jackson dissent
- Supreme Court case filings:
https://catalog.archives.gov/search?q=*&f.parentNald=296047&f.level=item&sort=naIdSort%20asc

11/10/83 U.S. District Court decision voiding Korematsu conviction

Text: https://biotech.law.lsu.edu/cases/pp/korematsu_II.htm

1988 Civil Liberties Act – settlement

Full text of the law: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/STATUTE-102/pdf/STATUTE-102-Pg903.pdf>

1998 Presidential Medal of Freedom to Korematsu

C-SPAN coverage of medal ceremony: <https://www.c-span.org/video/?c4660995/fred-korematsu-awarded-presidential-medal-freedom>

6/26/2018 – Trump v. Hawaii

- Korematsu, et al. amicus brief: https://www.scotusblog.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/16_1436_16_1540_bsac_Karen_Korematsu.pdf
- Supreme Court ruling: https://www.supremecourt.gov/opinions/17pdf/17-965_h315.pdf

Additional Media Resources

National Archives

<https://www.archives.gov/news/topics/japanese-american-internment>

Library of Congress

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/internment/?&loclr=reclnk>

Tufts University Libraries

<http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/primarysourcesets/internment/?&loclr=reclnk>

Fred Korematsu Institute

<http://www.korematsuinstitute.org/teaching-kit-media>

Densho Encyclopedia – free online resource about the history of the Japanese American World War II exclusion and incarceration experience

<https://encyclopedia.densho.org/>