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Go For Broke National Education Center – Archives
www.goforbroke.org. See “Archives.”
Oral histories (hundreds of interviews with Japanese American soldiers who
served in the US military), letters, manuscripts, photo collections (Pearl Harbor
attack; Library of Congress; War Relocation Authority; US War Department;
National Archives; US Army Signal Corps; personal photos; etc.), World War II
press materials, Japanese American relocation documents, and more.

100th Infantry Battalion Veterans Education Center
http://www.100thbattalion.org/
Personal stories, articles. See “History” link.

National Japanese American Historical Society
http://njahs.org/page.php?id=research
Information on Japanese American history in general, but also on the Military
Intelligence Service (MIS) in particular.

The Hawaii Nisei Project, University of Hawaii
http://nisei.hawaii.edu/page/home
Stories of the Nisei soldiers of WWII, along with photographs and oral
histories.

Densho: The Japanese American Legacy Project – Digital Archive
http://archive.densho.org/main.aspx (use Guest account)
Primary source materials on Japanese American history.

Selected Letters & Diary Entries of Stanley Hayami from US Internment
Camp and WWII Battlefield
http://www.oac.cdlib.org/view?docId=tf687004zq;developer=local;style=oac4;d
oc.view=items
Diary entries from an American incarceration center of a 16-year-old Japanese
American teenager and letters he wrote home as a US soldier fighting on the
European front. See book Stanley Hayami, Nisei Son: His Diary, Letters, &
Story From an American Concentration Camp to Battlefield, 1942-1945.

Harry S. Truman Library Photographs
http://www.trumanlibrary.org/photographs/view.php?id=33645

Primary Sources
Letters of Chaplain Hiro Higuchi
http://libweb.hawaii.edu/libdept/archives/mss/aja/higuchi/hiro.htm
Wartime correspondence of a Japanese American Army chaplain who served overseas in Europe during WWII.

Letters of Saburo Nishime
http://www.100thbattalion.org/archives/letters/saburo-nishime
A Japanese American, Saburo was drafted into the US Army and served in Hawaii in the National Guard, then shipped to Italy during the war. Included are some of the letters that he wrote to his brother in Michigan, a law student at the time.

Resistance - PBS.org

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Calisphere Archive – Japanese American history
http://www.calisphere.universityofcalifornia.edu/jarda/index.html
Personal and official photographs, letters and diaries, transcribed oral histories, art, and more show the faces of people, places, daily life, and personal experiences of Japanese Americans in incarceration camps.

Hawaii: World War II Internment
http://hawaiiinternment.org/
Primary sources for Hawaii Japanese American incarceration experience.

Japanese American National Museum Archive
http://www.janm.org/collections/
Contains selected documents from the museum’s collections.

Letters of Gordon Hirabayashi
https://afsc.org/category/topic/gordon-hirabayashi
Various letters written by Gordon Hirabayashi, who resisted Executive Order 9066 because he believed that it was unconstitutional and racially motivated. His famous 1942 Supreme Court case bears his name. See book, *A Principled Stand* (Hirabayashi), for more of his documents.
National Archives and Records Administration
http://www.archives.gov/index.html
Research history through documents, photos, or records.

National Archives and Records Administration – DOCS TEACH
http://docsteach.org/documents
Thousands of primary sources for classroom use, searchable by historical era or keyword.

National Archives and Records Administration – “Japanese American”
http://search.archives.gov/query.html?qt=japanese+american&submit=GO&col=1arch&col=social&qc=1arch&qc=social
Documents, transcripts, reports and photos of Japanese American history.

National Park Service
http://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/
Manzanar is under the National Park Service (see Japanese Americans or Manzanar).

National Park Service Oral Histories
http://www.nps.gov/parkhistory/oralhistory/interviews.htm See “Manzanar National Historic Site”

Smithsonian National Museum of American History:
A More Perfect Union
http://amhistory.si.edu/PERFECTUNION/EXPERIENCE/
Focuses on experiences of Japanese Americans in the incarceration camps during WWII. Includes images, music, text, first person accounts, and more.