

Manzanar

National Historic Site
National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior



One Camp
10,000 Lives



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One Camp
10,000 Stories

NAME _____
Age _____ | Date _____



MANZANAR

JUNIOR RANGER ACTIVITY BOOK

Welcome to the Manzanar Junior Ranger Program

You can become a Junior Ranger by completing the activities for your age group. Find your age-appropriate symbol below and on each page. When you have completed your activities, bring this booklet to the front desk. A Ranger will review what you have learned, sign your certificate, and award you with a Junior Ranger Badge.



7 & Under

- Watch the film "Remembering Manzanar"
- Complete all activities marked with an Apple



8-9

- Watch the film "Remembering Manzanar"
- Complete all activities marked with a Roadrunner



10 & Up

- Watch the film "Remembering Manzanar"
- Complete all activities marked with a Ranger Hat

Answers to the questions in this booklet can be found by reading the exhibits, going on the driving tour, and by using your observation skills while exploring the site on your own. If you have extra time we recommend that you attend a Ranger Talk, a special program, and/or visit the Eastern California Museum in Independence.

Destination Unknown



Japanese Americans who came to Manzanar brought only what they could carry. They weren't allowed to bring their pets! Imagine you are given 7 days to move from your home. What items would you need for an unknown place? Please choose 10 that you would take with you. You only have 2 suitcases for everything, so choose what you feel would be the most important. Make sure you can carry them!

1) _____

6) _____

2) _____

7) _____

3) _____

8) _____

4) _____

9) _____

5) _____

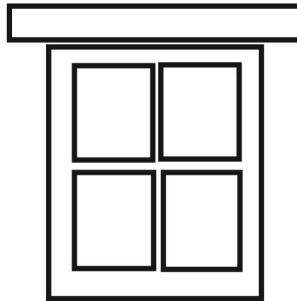
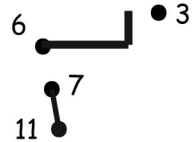
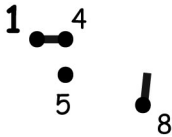
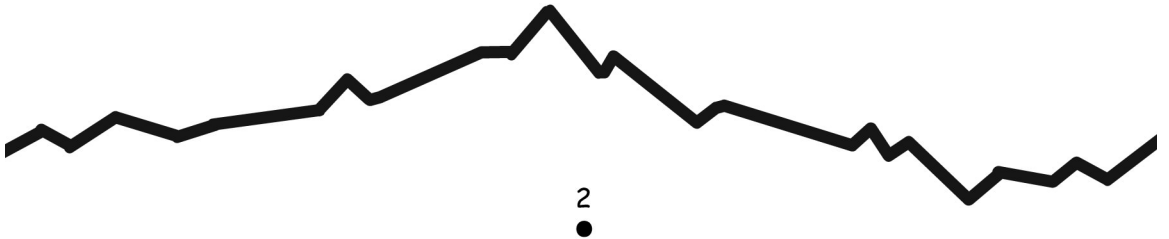
10) _____

Fact: Norman Mineta remembers taking a baseball bat to the camp. A guard took the bat away because it was a weapon. Mineta and his family were confined at Heart Mountain, Wyoming. He later became the Mayor of San Jose, CA, served in Congress, and was the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and later U.S. Secretary of Transportation.



Connect The Dots

What do you see when you first enter Manzanar?
Connect the dots to find out.



Fact: Ryozo Kado was a stonemason by trade. While he and his family were confined at Manzanar, he designed and built the two sentry posts. Soldiers worked in the larger building, and Japanese American police in the smaller one. Mr. Kado also designed and built the cemetery monument and many gardens.

Follow the Clues



Before people were sent to Manzanar and other camps each family was assigned a number and given tags. Select one of the tags hanging on the red ID TAG STATION. In other exhibits, look for the item mentioned on the back of your chosen tag. There you will find more information about the person to help you answer the following questions:



What was this person's name?

What did this person do at Manzanar?

Where did this person go after the war?

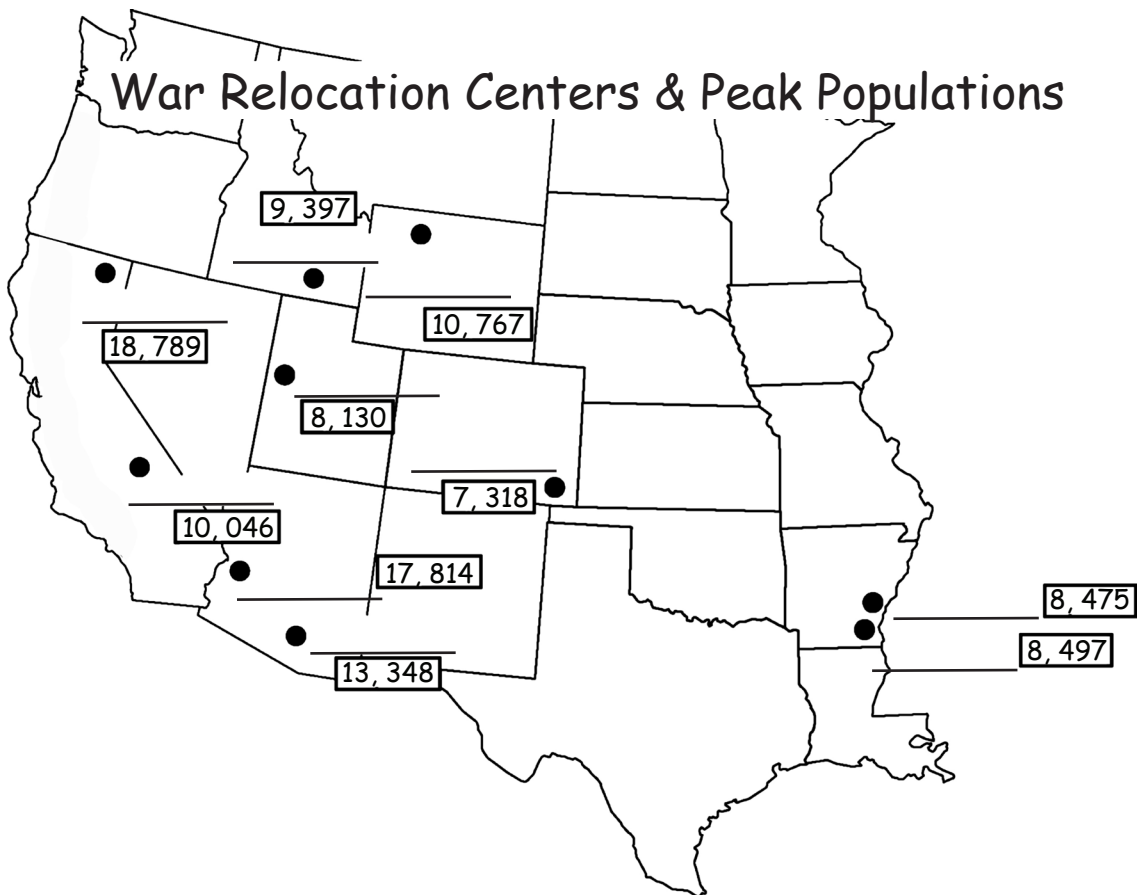
Bonus: Find this person in the roster books or on the wall of names.



Confinement Sites

The Japanese Americans at Manzanar and other camps had lived in what was called the Military Exclusion Zone. Using the map located next to the guard tower exhibit, complete the following on the map below:

- 1) Draw and shade in the Military Exclusion Zone on the map.
- 2) Label the War Relocation Centers, using the peak populations.
- 3) Would your home have been within the Military Exclusion Zone?

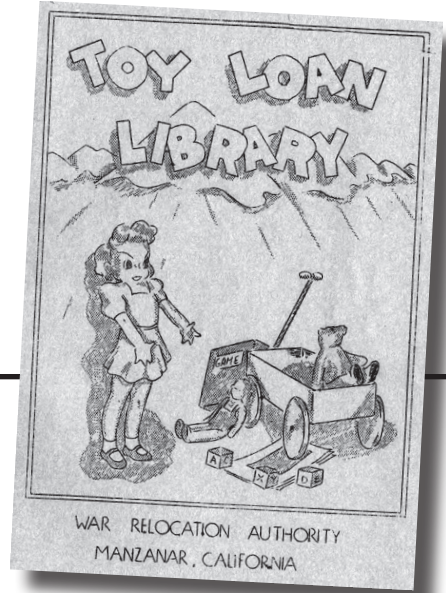


Fact: The United States Department of Justice Internment Camps confined Japanese, German, and Italian Aliens as well as those brought to the U.S. from Latin America.

Toy Loan Library



Because families could bring only what they could carry, most kids couldn't bring their toys to Manzanar. A toy loan center was set up so kids could check out toys like dolls, wagons, books, and more. In the visitor center, locate the barracks with toys inside. Draw a toy or game you would have played with in Manzanar.

A large, empty rectangular box with a solid black border, intended for a student to draw a toy or game they would have played with in Manzanar.



Layers of History

Read the paragraphs below and circle the bold key words in the word search.

The area between Lone Pine and Independence known as **Manzanar** is home to the Owens Valley **Paiute** Indians. *Georges Creek* is located a mile south of Manzanar and is named after **Captain George** who was a local Paiute leader. *Shepherd Creek* is located one mile north of Manzanar and is named for **John Shepherd**, a European-American settler who arrived in the Owens Valley in 1864. Some Paiute continued to live at Manzanar and work on the Shepherd ranch or Shepherd's toll road under supervision of *Captain George*. You can learn more about this history by visiting the Eastern California Museum in Independence. They have an amazing collection of Paiute baskets and more.

In 1865, a Mexican miner named Pablo Flores discovered silver in the Inyo Mountains near the small town of **Cerro Gordo**. The *Cerro Gordo* silver mine was the richest strike in Inyo County, and by 1868 many people had moved to the area. In 1910, **George Chaffey**, a successful water developer and president of the Owens Valley Improvement Company, acquired 3,500 acres of land including the **Shepherd Ranch**. By 1912, he had planted 20,000 **apple** and **pear** trees, creating the town of Manzanar. The town's population reached 203 in the 1920s.

Japanese Americans were sent to Manzanar in 1942. The camp was built on land then owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (**LADWP**). In late 1942, **Ralph Merritt** became the camp director.



Apple Orchard Maze



Manzanar is the Spanish word for "apple orchard." The town of Manzanar was first developed as an agricultural community in the early 1900s. Farmers grew apples, pears, peaches, and alfalfa. Over 20,000 fruit trees once grew here. Help the National Park Service get Manzanar's water supply to the historic orchards. As you explore Manzanar you can still see 100-year-old fruit trees!

A large maze is the central feature, enclosed in a rectangular border. At the top right corner of the maze is a faucet with a single drop of water falling from it. At the bottom left corner of the maze are two stylized trees: one is a full, leafy tree with many small circles representing fruit, and the other is a bare, spindly tree. To the left of the maze, there is a small rectangular inset containing a vintage-style poster. The poster has the text "Fortunes in Apples" in a large, bold font, followed by "In OWENS VALLEY" and "INYO COUNTY - CALIFORNIA" in smaller text. Below the text is an illustration of an apple with a stem and leaves. At the bottom of the poster, it says "OWENS VALLEY IMPROVEMENT COMPANY".



Manzanar Tic-Tac-Toe

Observing is a big part of becoming a Junior Ranger. Use your observation skills as you take the driving tour* and explore Manzanar. When you locate these items, cross them out. Get three in a row to finish this activity.

Challenge: Go for a blackout by crossing off all 9!



*Pick up a map for the driving tour at the front desk.

Manzanar Math



The population of Japanese Americans confined at Manzanar changed over time. For instance, in August 1942, there was an average of 280 people in a block. After 3 years at Manzanar the population of a block changed. Using the grid below figure out how many people lived in a block in August 1945, by adding and subtracting the changes.

| Changes In Your Block | Block Pop. | | # of People | | Total |
|--|------------|---|-------------|---|-------|
| Births | 280 | + | 2 | = | 282 |
| Moved into your Block | 282 | + | 10 | = | |
| Moved to another Block | | - | 20 | = | |
| Sick (Moved to Hospital) | | - | 10 | = | |
| Deaths | | - | 3 | = | |
| Relocated for Work (Left Manzanar) | | - | 65 | = | |
| Drafted into the Army (Left Manzanar) | | - | 20 | = | |
| Answered "No-No" on Loyalty Questionnaire (sent to Tule Lake) | | - | 20 | = | |
| Moved to another War Relocation Center | | - | 30 | = | |
| Sent to Department of Justice Camps (Left Manzanar) | | - | 12 | = | |

NOTES:

Fact: In 1942, the average population at Manzanar was 10,017, or 280 people per block. In 1945, the average population was 4,306, or 112 people per block.



Life in a Manzanar Block

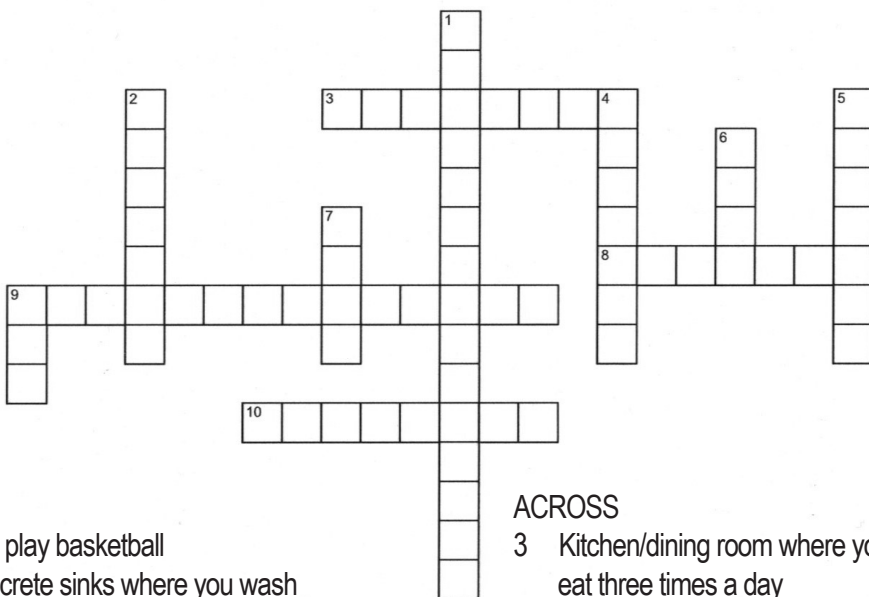
Manzanar had 36 "residential" blocks. Each block had 14 barracks, usually divided into four 20'x25' "apartments." There were also men's and women's latrines, a laundry room, an ironing room, mess hall, and recreation hall.



Visit Block 14, near the visitor center. Walk through buildings like those Japanese Americans used during World War II. Imagine what it would be like to live here for up to 3 1/2 years...

WORDS TO CHOOSE FROM:

- barracks
- basketball court
- ironing
- latrine
- laundry
- lawn
- manager
- mess hall
- pool
- recreation hall
- red



DOWN

- 1 A place where you play basketball
- 2 A building with concrete sinks where you wash clothes by hand before hanging them outside to dry
- 4 Bathroom with toilets, one sink, and one big shower
- 5 The Block _____ was a man who was the "mayor" of the block and assisted others.
- 6 The green space you create outside of your barracks
- 7 Block 14 residents built a concrete wading _____ for kids to swim and cool off in summer
- 9 The color of the old Ford delivery truck outside the Block 14 mess hall

ACROSS

- 3 Kitchen/dining room where you eat three times a day
- 8 The room where you iron clothes, but was often used for other purposes
- 9 A building where you get together with others to play games, practice music, or do arts and crafts
- 10 A long housing building usually divided into four separate rooms

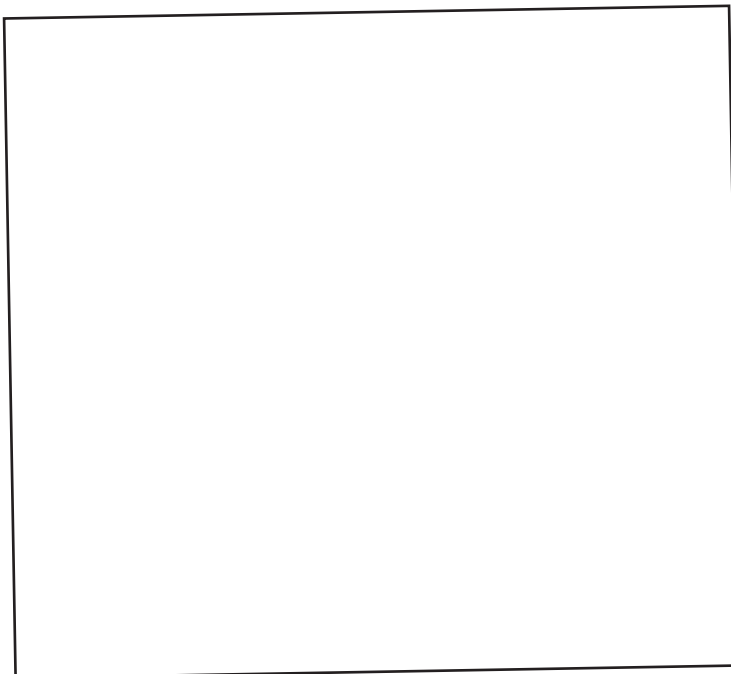
Gardens Under Guard Towers



Manzanar's rock gardens are powerful reminders of how Japanese Americans created beauty here. Some gardens were near people's barracks. Others were near mess halls where they waited in line for meals. The largest garden is Merritt Park. Take the auto tour and see how many gardens you find. Then, use the features below to design your own garden.



Archeologists study the past by digging in the dirt. They carefully record what they find. All of the gardens in these photos were once buried. Each year, park staff and volunteers uncover more features at Manzanar. PLEASE DO YOUR PART TO PRESERVE MANZANAR. Don't climb in, on, or around the gardens. Take only pictures, leave only footprints.



Rock wall, Block 9

Rock lantern,
Block 15



Pond, Block 34

Wood bridge & turtle
rock, Merritt Park





Reflect

Draw a picture or write about something interesting you saw or did at Manzanar National Historic Site.

A large, empty rectangular box with a solid black border, intended for a student to draw or write their reflection.

Fact: 17-year-old Iwao Takamoto learned animation skills at Manzanar. He went on to create the characters of Scooby-Doo of **Scooby-Doo, Where Are You!**, Astro on **The Jetsons**, and Lady in **Lady and the Tramp**. He also contributed to many animated classics such as **101 Dalmations**, **Sleeping Beauty**, **Charlotte's Web**, and **The Flintstones**.



CERTIFICATE of ACHIEVEMENT

_____ **Junior Ranger**

is an official

Junior Ranger

Manzanar National Historic Site

As a Junior Ranger, I will help preserve special places
and share what I learn with others.

Signed _____ Date _____

National Park Junior Ranger

Signed _____ Date _____

National Park Ranger

If you are unable to complete this activity booklet during your visit ask the ranger for an instruction sheet to complete it at home. When you are finished, please mail your booklet (with you name and address) to:

Manzanar National Historic Site
Attn: Junior Ranger Program
P.O. Box 426
Independence, CA 93526

Learn more about the Japanese American experience on the internet and at your local library. Check out these websites...

www.nps.gov/manz

www.nps.gov/miin

www.nps.gov/tule

www.densho.org

www.goforbroke.org

Check out our VIRTUAL MUSEUM at

www.nps.gov/history/museum/exhibits/manz/

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...and these books.

Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston & James D. Houston

Children of Manzanar, edited by Heather Lindquist

The Bracelet by Yoshiko Uchida & Joanna Yardley

Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki & Dom Lee

Only What We Could Carry edited by Lawson Fusao Inada

Dear Miss Breed by Joanne Oppenheim



Many National Park Service sites have Junior Ranger activities. We hope that you will continue to explore and learn about America's rich heritage. You can also become a WebRanger at www.nps.gov/webangers/



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