



## Web Resources: Podcasts

Throughline, [Our Own People](#)

NPR | April 1, 2021

"Build bridges, not walls." Solidarity was at the heart of Yuri Kochiyama's work. A Japanese American activist whose early political awakenings came while incarcerated in the WWII concentration camps of Japanese Americans, Kochiyama dedicated her life to social justice and liberation movements. As hate crimes against AAPI people surge in the country, this podcast reflects on Kochiyama's ideas around the Asian American struggle, and what solidarity and inter-sectionality can mean for all struggles.

(55 minutes)

Asian American History 101 with Gen & Ted, [Causes of the Japanese Internment](#)

Gen and Ted Lai | February 8, 2021

Do you know what happened to lead up to the Japanese internment? Co-hosts Gen and Ted Lai discuss the key events leading up to Japanese Internment and the reaction right after the attack on Pearl Harbor. They also cover what it was like in Hawaii under martial law.

(29 minutes)

[Campu](#)

Densho | September 30, 2020

This podcast carries the stories of incarcerated Japanese Americans incarceration through symbolic objects. Brother-sister hosts Noah and Hana Maruyama weave together the voices of survivors to spin narratives out of the seemingly mundane things that gave shape to the incarceration experience: rocks, fences, food, paper. Follow along as they move far beyond the standard Japanese American incarceration 101 and into more intimate and lesser-known corners of this history.

(264 minutes, 6 episodes; first episode aired Sept. 30, 2020)

Japanese Internment During WWII, [Japanese Internment](#)

Regan Preciado | May 29, 2020

WWII and the attack on Pearl Harbor was a time of insecurity and injustice for the Japanese American community. In response to the chaos that ensued the attacks, the US government made decisions that go against every American ideal that we hold dear. During this podcast episode, learn more about the hardships faced by Japanese Americans in the 1940's and how their very culture was threatened by a selfish US government. A testimony by my great uncle Donald is also featured in the episode, for an eye-opening first-hand account of the internment process.

(61 minutes)

Mississippi Moments with Bill Ellison, [Episode 569 - Herbert Sasaki - 442nd Regimental Combat Team](#)

Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, University of Southern Mississippi | May 7, 2018

After Japan attacked the Pearl Harbor and declared war on the U.S., Americans of Japanese descent were forcibly relocated to internment camps for fear of disloyalty. But, by the time Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, many Japanese American men were already serving in the US military. In this episode, Herbert Sasaki recalls coming to Camp Shelby in South Mississippi to join the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team, a newly



formed infantry unit of Japanese American volunteers. The 442<sup>nd</sup> was a rapid deployment force tasked with creating breaks in the German lines in Europe. The 442<sup>nd</sup> is considered the most decorated unit in US history. He looks back with pride at the sacrifices made by these loyal Americans during WWII. (11 minutes)

[Order 9066](#)

American Public Media | February 19, 2018

Order 9066 chronicles the history of the WWII Japanese American Incarceration through vivid, first-person accounts of those who lived through it. The series explores how this shocking violation of American democracy came to pass, and its legacy in the present.

(303 minutes, 13 episodes)

More Perfect, [American Pendulum I](#)

WNYC Studios Radiolab | October 1, 2017

What happens when the Supreme Court, the highest court in the land, seems to get it wrong? *Korematsu v. U.S.* is a case that's been widely denounced and discredited, but it still remains on the books. This is the case that upheld President Franklin Roosevelt's internment of American citizens during WW II based solely on their Japanese heritage, for the sake of national security. In this episode, we follow Fred Korematsu's path to the Supreme Court, and we ask the question: if you can't get justice in the Supreme Court, can you find it someplace else?

(46 minutes)

Cal Ag Roots, [Founding Farmers](#)

California Institute for Rural Studies | March 29, 2017

In the early twentieth century California farming underwent a major transformation that created the abundance you can see in your produce aisle today, and one particular group of California farmers really laid the foundation for that transformation. We don't often hear their names and many of their stories have been long buried. In a lot of ways, you could say Japanese immigrants started California's produce industry, but racist immigration laws and policies tried to push them out of the rural landscape.

(22 minutes)

Mississippi Moments with Bill Ellison | [Episode 273 - Herbert Sasaki: Japanese-American Soldiers During WWII](#)

Center for Oral History and Cultural Heritage, University of Southern Mississippi | June 27, 2011

During WWII, Japanese Americans were forced to live in "relocation" camps by the government. Despite this harsh treatment, many of them served with distinction in the armed forces. Herbert Sasaki recalls coming to Camp Shelby to join an all Japanese American combat unit. Sasaki explains the purpose of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Regimental Combat Team and reflects on the heavy cost the 442<sup>nd</sup> paid in becoming one of the Army's most decorated combat units.

(4 minutes, 30 seconds)