



This week in history

A representative history
guide for

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January

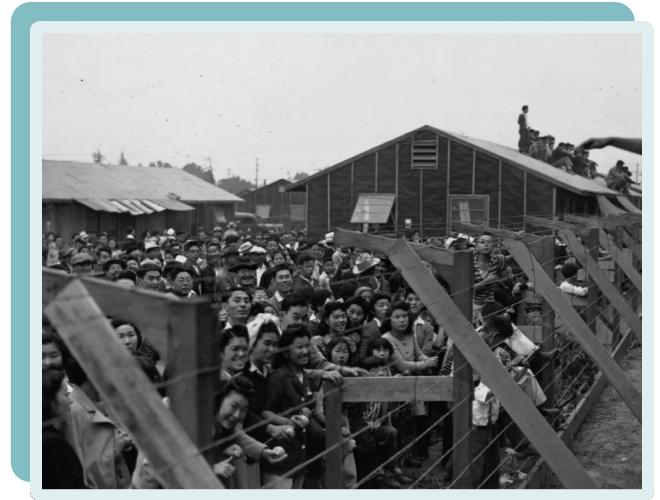
1854 *to* 2006

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January kicks off the year with a powerful reflection on milestones of freedom, courage, and change. From the Emancipation Proclamation's bold step toward ending slavery to Muhammad Ali's historic championship win, this month echoes with the voices of leaders and heroes who shaped the world. It's a time to celebrate new beginnings, honor pivotal moments in history, and inspire future generations with tales of resilience and hope.

Executive Order 9066 issued

February 19, 1942



The event

President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066 on February 19, 1942, leading to the internment of roughly 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. This order, fueled by war hysteria and racial prejudice, resulted in a grave injustice against American citizens and residents of Japanese descent.

For discussion

How does the history of Japanese American internment challenge our understanding of civil liberties during wartime? Does the internment of Japanese Americans remind you of any other events in history? If so, how and why?

FURTHER READING

For additional reading with children about this event, read *Baseball Saved Us* by author of color, Ken Mochizuki.

IMAGE

“Santa Anita Racetrack, Detention Facility for Japanese Americans,” Library of Congress.

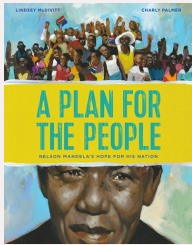
QUOTE

“We have no one to go to for help. Not even a church. Anything goes, now that our President Roosevelt signed the order to get rid of us. How can he do this to his own citizens?”

Kiyo Sato, Kiyo's Story: A Japanese-American Family's Quest for the American Dream

March reading ideas

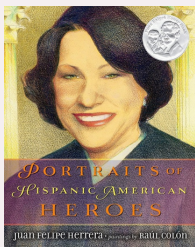
March brings a wealth of historical events to explore. To enrich students' journey through this month's history, these engaging reads are perfect for adding depth and context to your March history lessons.



A Plan for the People: Nelson Mandela's Hope for His Nation by Lindsey McDivitt

FORMS 0-2

This stirring biography explores Mandela's long fight for equality and the courage that propelled him through decades of struggle.



Portraits of Hispanic American Heroes by Juan Felipe

FORMS 3-4

This stunning book showcases twenty Hispanic and Latino American men and women who have made outstanding contributions to the arts, politics, science, humanitarianism, and athletics.



Boundaries by Maya Lin

FORMS 5-6

The artist and architect who designed the celebrated Vietnam War Memorial in Washington, D.C., shares the story of her life, her creative inspiration, and her subsequent designs.

More to commemorate in June

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1924, Indian Citizenship Act

The Indian Citizenship Act is passed, granting citizenship to all Native Americans born in the territorial limits of the United States.

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1954, Operation Wetback begins

President Eisenhower begins "Operation Wetback," a mass deportation using a racial slur with more than 1 million people rounded up.

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1982, Vincent Chin dies

27-year-old Chinese American, Vincent Chin, died of his injuries after being the victim of a hate crime committed by two white men.

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2022, Ons Jabeur ranked

The Tunisian tennis star became the highest African- and Arab-ranked tennis player. She is also the first Arab woman to reach a major quarterfinal.

1 to 30 • Honor countless sojourners during **National Immigrant Heritage Month**.

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Language, identity, place, home: these are all of a piece — just different elements of belonging and not-belonging.

Jhumpa Lahiri

BORN THIS MONTH

Grace Lee Boggs

Born June 7, 1927, this daughter of Chinese immigrants devoted her life to social activism, focusing on tenant and worker rights.



Read on

Yes, there's *more*

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Each month has been a vibrant tapestry, woven with the threads of history, culture, and the human spirit. Hopefully, these events have illuminated that past can most certainly be used as a compass for the future. May you conclude the year not just by looking back, but by moving forward with a renewed commitment to understanding, inclusion, and celebration of the myriad stories that shape this beautiful world, inspiring continued learning, conversation, growth — and of course, reading.

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