



*From Ms. Park's 5th Grade Class
Bridges Academy at Melrose
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*Thank you,
National Japanese
American Historical
Society (NJAHS)!*

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for showing us about the Japanese history and objects from world war II and for the bus.

I learned many things. For example, the tickets that the Japanese wore. In addition, the clothes they wore for war and what the women did at home.

I had fun looking at the gear, the katana, and the objects.

Something interesting was that the gear showed how far I got because it is incredible of how far it had to go and that the man survived.

Sincerely,
Valeria

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for ye var me a conocer más de los japoneses americanos

I learned many things. For example, come se derrumbó el lugar . In addition, lo tenían que construir muchas veces.

I had fun en los juegos

Something interesting was las camas because son muy biejas i se mira que se va a quebrar.

Sincerely,
Melany

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

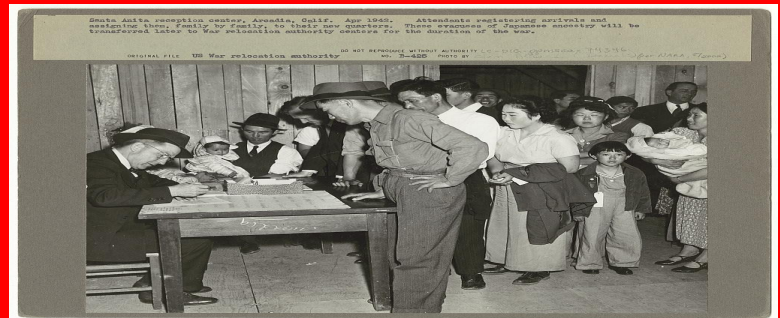
Thank you for showing us the learning center.

I learned many things. For example, the Japanese American soldier that fought for U.S. instead of Japan. In addition, the Japanese American people are loyal to U.S.A.

I had fun watching the movie.

Something interesting was the katana because I never knew that people used the katana.

Sincerely,
Michael



Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for grasya po el paseo.

I learned many things. For example, yo aprendí las cosas de militares y cosas antiguo como los teléfonos.

I had fun el paseo estaba divertido.

Something interesting was yo aprendí cosa de muchos cosas de militar.

Sincerely,
Willington

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for letting me see the World War II beds and dolls and weapons.

I learned many things. For example, that World War means that the whole world needs to fight. In addition, I learned about the bed and how they were super uncomfortable. When they got home they had to lay on the beds.

I had fun looking at the stuff at the museum.

Something interesting was everything in the museum because it was a lot of old stuff.

Sincerely,
Mohammed

Type 30 Ammunition Belt

This was the standard ammunition belt used by Japanese forces during WWII. The belt carried four ammunition pouches that held six trigger slips for the rifle and one clip for the rifle. It also held the Type 30 Ping and bayonet.

Canteen

This is the standard style canteen used by the Japanese Army. Referred to as the Type 94 canteen.

Japanese Draft Notice

This is a copy of an Imperial Japanese draft notice. The red color was always a threat for many mothers and wives because it meant that the one was soon off to war. The cost of the postage of notice 1 San 5 Rin, less than one cent, became associated with the Japanese Soldier who claimed that was the cost to the Empire. Reproduction
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Type 98 Japanese Uniform

This is a typical uniform for Japanese troops late in the war. The Soldier

Uniform regulations such as Akemaru, etc. were also known as a symbol of his authority. The uniform is a reproduction.

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National Japanese American Historical Society

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for showing us the exhibits.

Japanese

I learned many things. For example, Japanese people were studying the building.

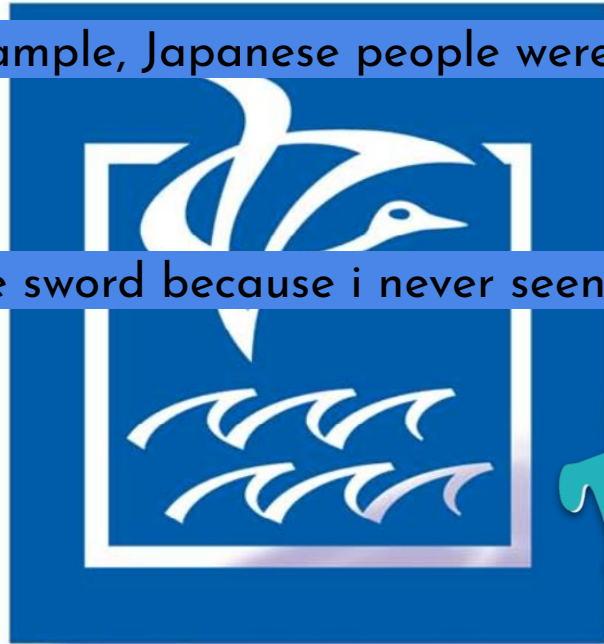
American

I had fun at tunnel tops.

Historical

Something interesting was the sword because i never seen a sword this big.

Sincerely,
Dylan Society



THANK YOU

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for tell us about the past and what happened to the
japanese of their past.

I learned many things. For example, that the japanese were in the
war and that they lied to people to go to japanese classes.

In addition, that only 37 percent of the people who went to the
classes.

I had fun with all the stories to teach us.

Something interesting was the histories because is interesting.

Sincerely,
Ana



Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for letting us come and teaching us a lot of things.

I learned many things. For example, that the people who come here to Angel Island died in the boats on the way here. In addition, there's some Japanese Americans they died for the war.

I had fun as we went we explored things from that time, because we saw some things from different families.

Something interesting was that when the Japanese Americans they were segregated because of they were of Japanese descent. Some Black people from the U.S. also were segregated in this country.

Sincerely,
Yesenia

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for letting us come and see stuff.

I learned many things. For example, that the baseball glove looked different. In addition, the bat looks like a regular wooden bat.

I had fun when we were making the postcard because we were able to write them to anyone we wanted. I wrote to President Joe Biden to tell him I wanted to tell him I want to be the next president.

Something interesting was the baseball stuff because the baseball glove looked different from today's baseball gloves.

sincerely,
Andy



Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for teaching us about Japanese American history.

I learned many things. For example, I learned that Japanese American soldiers carried a backpack on their back, which they used to communicate with their team. In addition, Japanese Americans joined the military because they wanted to show their loyalty to the U.S.

I had fun learning about the history about Japanese Americans and the weapons they used in war, because they looked interesting.

Sincerely,
Eden

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for giving my class hot chocolate it was good.

I learned many things. For example, Japanese Americans felt pressured to be in the military for world war two. In addition, some Japanese American did not want to be at the camps so they were sent to jail.

I had fun, because i learned a lot.

Something sad was Japanese americans were incarcerated because of war world two and they didn't even do anything wrong.

Sincerely,
Belinda

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for inviting my class to explore what once was a secret school .

I learned many things. For example, like japanese Americans had to chose to be on Americas team and to be loyal to them or be on their own family team japan . In addition, they chose the best for them.

I had fun exploring and learning about the japanese america's secret school and their living conditions.

Something interesting was the hard floor because it was so cold and i wondered if the japanese americans were cold to.

Sincerely,
Madelin

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for letting us come to the National Japanese American Historical Society also thank you for paying for the bus, also the hot chocolate we really appreciate you guys.

I learned many things. For example, the japanese people carried these communication backpacks to communicate with the enemies and tell them to stop the war. In addition, the enemies did not want to stop the war.

I had fun because they had the suits from the japanese military and I was surprised because that happened a long time ago and they still had the suits clean.

Something interesting was that there was this guy who was being questioned like " what if you saw your family member wearing a enemy suit on the battlefield" that was interesting because that was hard and he did answer but i just forgot what he said.

Sincerely,
Davina

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for showing us how there was a Japanese language school.

I learned many things. For example, when Japanese people were sent to war. In addition, when Japanese American people did nothing wrong and they were incarcerated.

I had fun because I made a new friend named Takuto!

Something interesting was when in the movie Harry Fukuhara stopped a guy fighting. I read about him in class.

Sincerely,
Leyber



Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for Showing me what happened with japanese people.

I learned many things. For example,I learned that the japanese americans like the black people because black people were segregated like japanese people. In addition, japanese americans fought in the war so their kids wouldn't be separated from their families.

I had fun on the field trip. The hot chocolate was good. Thankyou.

Something interesting was when we saw similar photos from ELD because we already knew what they were about .

Sincerely,
Leilani



Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for teaching us about the japanese people.

I learned many things. For example, the japanese american people were fighting for the usa.

I had fun looking at the things in the museum because it was very interesting.

Something interesting was at they play baseball because baseball is very fun for me.

Sincerely,
Xavi

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for telling me about world war II and japanese americans.

I learned many things. For example, japanese people learned at the camps. In addition, they need to speak japanese at the language school.

I had fun learning about japanese people's lives.

Something interesting was the doll because i didn't know they had dolls.

Sincerely,
Emerson

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you for letting us come.

I learned many things. For example, baseball was played when Japanese people were incarcerated. In addition, everything was interesting and I wanted to stay more.

I had fun seeing the movie because it had a lot of information.

Something interesting was the katana because it looked like it had a Mickey Mouse on it and it was so sharp.

Sincerely,
Mirza

Dear National Japanese American Historical Society,

Thank you so much for providing us the funds to get a bus for this field trip. Our class has read the case studies from NJAHS for our reading class. We also just finished the historical fiction novel called *Sylvia and Aki* by Winifred Conkling, which also talks about the incarceration of people of Japanese ancestry during WWII. This field trip was a great way for them to find out even more about this time period and to see artifacts that help them better visualize the conditions incarcerated people lived under. Students were excited to see some of the images that we had analyzed in class for our English language development lessons.

We are so grateful for this learning opportunity. It would not have been possible without your generous support. Shout out to Roslyn, Lillith, Kenneth, and Takuto for teaching and supporting us!

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With gratitude,
Ann Park

