

# A DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



# ESSAY CONTEST

2017 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE ESSAY TOPIC:

Drawing by Estelle Ishigo

On February 19, 1942, President Roosevelt signed Executive Order 9066, which forcibly removed people of Japanese ancestry from their homes. The majority of them were confined in concentration camps from 1942 to 1946. After the camps closed, those incarcerated had to decide where to resettle. Some families returned to their hometowns, but many did not. It was difficult for children who had not been part of everyday American culture during their time in the camps to transition back.

Research some of the family and personal resettlement stories. What obstacles did they encounter? What assistance was available in resettlement? Write an essay in which you relate a resettlement story that you uncovered in your research. What are some ways you would be able to help a Japanese American family resettle after WWII and/or present-day immigrants or refugees who have to resettle?

TEACHERS: IF THE ESSAY IS USED FOR A CLASS ASSIGNMENT, PLEASE SELECT THE TOP ESSAYS FOR SUBMISSION.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Essays should be: Between 1000 and 1200 words • Typewritten - double spaced • Please include a bibliography

**ESSAYS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017**

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## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Essays should be: Between 700 and 900 words • Typewritten - double spaced • Please include a bibliography

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• PRIZES of: \$300 first prize • \$200 second prize • \$150 third prize •

• **ESSAYS WITHOUT A COVER SHEET WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED** •

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e-mail address (if available),  
the school you are attending, your grade level,  
and your teacher's name.

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