

BILL SUYAMA ESSAY CONTEST

On February 19, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt issued Executive Order 9066, in response to the bombing of Pearl Harbor. This order resulted in over 120,000 Japanese Americans - 77,000 of whom were American-born citizens - being forcibly removed from their homes and incarcerated in concentration camps because they were perceived as a threat. Many Japanese Americans lost their homes, belongings, careers, and were excluded from schools. Societal racism contributed to the fate of Japanese Americans before and after the war. Similar feelings of "us" versus "them" continue today. How can you apply these lessons to a current issue of infringement based on (but not limited to) ethnicity, disability rights, gender identity, religion, sexuality or national origin?

DESCRIPTION

Minimum of 1000 words, not to exceed 1200 words

ELIGIBILITY

Any Wisconsin high school student enrolled during the 2023 school year

PRIZES

Awards of \$1000 will be given to 2 winning students
An additional \$250 will be given to their supporting teacher

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE

December 31, 2023 at midnight Central Standard Time
Winners will be notified by February 1, 2024

TO SUBMIT YOUR ESSAY

<https://bit.ly/46Y6ZzR>

QUESTIONS?

Essay information can also be found at www.wisconsinjacl.org
Send questions to: wijaclessaycontest@gmail.com

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