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Thank you for your interest in teaching the lessons of the internment of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i.

The three units on the internment of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i were developed for the following courses and benchmarks:

- U.S. History – HCPS III Benchmark SS.10.3.17
- Modern History of Hawai'i – HCPS III Benchmark SS.9MHH.3.7
- Participation in Democracy – HCPS III Benchmarks SS.9PD.4.3 and SS.9PD5.2

The units spiral and emphasize different aspects of the Japanese American internment experience: from the historical overview as presented in the U.S. History unit to the unique experience of Japanese Americans living in Hawai'i in contrast to the experience of Japanese Americans living in California, Oregon and Washington as outlined in the Modern History of Hawai'i unit and finally, the unit on Participation in Democracy with a focus on the legislative campaign for redress and reparations for Japanese Americans who were incarcerated during World War II.

We are pleased to include a copy of the documentary film, “The Untold Story: Internment of Japanese Americans in Hawai'i” with a curriculum guide and supplemental resource materials for use in your classroom.

We hope the information provided will serve as a starting point for you and your students. We encourage you to adapt the materials to meet the needs of your classroom and we welcome your feedback, suggestions and comments on the curriculum guide.

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