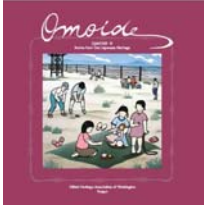


## Omoide IV for Social Studies - FAQ



**Why do Civil Liberties matter?** The essential question.

**How did the Japanese American internment during WWII affect children and families?**

The guiding question.

**What is Omoide IV?**

*Omoide IV: Childhood Memories* is a book of personal short stories comprised of childhood recollections of the World War II incarceration of Japanese Americans. The Omoide IV project supports social studies educators and classroom learning by providing primary source content. Omoide IV authors give presentations in classroom, teacher conferences, etc.

**How does Omoide IV help teach Social Studies?**

Omoide IV contributes to educators' and students' primary source needs to accomplish Washington State Classroom Based Assessments for Social Studies including:

- Dig Deep, grades 5, 8 and high school
- Checks and Balances, grade 8
- Constitutional Issues, grades 8 and 10/11

**How does Omoide IV work?**

- **Preparation:** Educators receive key source document texts: Executive Order 9066, the Bill of Rights, General DeWitt's Notice to Persons of Japanese Ancestry and the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 to help prepare educator's lesson plans.
- **Presentation:** The Omoide Team visits the classroom to present the stories, photographic artifacts and objects, sharing their personal experience of the Japanese American internment. The Omoide Team encourages students' discussion.
- **Post Presentation:** The Omoide Team requests student essays in response to the presentation and subject matter.

**Teacher Evaluations:** The only requirement that we make of you – please fill out the evaluation!

**Educational Collateral:** Teachers receive the pre-presentation packet. Each teacher and the school librarian receive copies of the Omoide IV book and reader's guide. Students receive a hand out with excerpts from the Omoide IV book and writing topics.

**What does it cost? Schedule an Omoide presentation for free!**

There is no charge for these presentations, thanks to a Washington Civil Liberties Public Education grant from OSPI.

**When is the Omoide IV Team available?**

The Omoide IV Team is taking requests for classroom and teacher workshop presentations in 2007.

**How long is the Omoide presentation?**

Depending on classroom time, the Omoide presentation can be tailored to fit a regular class period or an additional amount of time. A two hour presentation allows time for exploring artifacts, photos and more Q & A.

**Where does the Omoide Team present?**

- **Schools in Eastern and Western Washington:** Funded by the OSPI grant in 2006, Omoide's funding was renewed for 2007 to expand statewide, beyond Puget Sound to provide classroom presentations and educator workshops.
- **Educator Workshops:** Omoide IV: Childhood Memories Educator Workshops help teachers teach to topic.
- **Public Presentations:** The Omoide Team welcomes the opportunity to present to the public and educational institutions.

**What presentation experience does the Omoide Team have?**

In 2006, the Omoide Project introduced 350 students, 60 teachers and 200 members of the general public to the authors' personal accounts their families' incarceration, opening dialog about constitutional rights, World War II, family values and multi-culturalism.

**Who is on the Omoide Team?**

- **Dee Goto** - Dee's family lived outside the 400 mile restricted zone; living on the outside of camp had its own issues.
- **Atsushi (Ats) Kiuchi**- Incarcerated with his family from 1942-1945 at Puyallup and Minidoka.
- **Janet Baba** - Incarcerated with her family from 1942-1945 at Portland Assembly Center, Oregon; Minidoka War Relocation Authority, Idaho and Tule Lake War Relocation Authority, California.

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