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### **Granada Relocation Center, commonly referred to as “Camp Amache” World War II Comes to the Canyons and Plains Region**

#### **Background Information:**

Explore the history of the Granada Relocation Center, a Japanese internment center, through History Colorado's online exhibit. Be sure to click on all the buttons and listen to the recordings: [exhibits.historycolorado.org/amache/amache\\_home.html](https://exhibits.historycolorado.org/amache/amache_home.html).

Explore the Camp Amache website ([amache.org](https://amache.org)), and under the “Historical Significance” tab explore the following categories:

- Daily Activities and Events
- School
- Popular American Activities
- Popular Japanese Activities

If you happen to visit in the summer, check out the museum located in Lamar.

#### **Questions to Ask:**

1. *Who lived here?*
2. *Why did they come from?*
3. *What type of daily activities and events did they engage in?*
4. *Would you participate in any of the same activities?*
5. *What happened after World War II ended? Where did people go?*
6. *Why do you think the government buildings in the camp were torn down?*

**Activity:** Write a letter to a friend from the perspective of a Japanese student at Amache. Describe how you feel and your day-to-day activities.

**Optional Activity:** Visit “Camp Amache” and follow the driving tour.  
<https://amache.org/driving-tour-map-podcasts/>

**Additional Resources:**

- Watch this video about Amache.  
<https://www.archaeologychannel.org/video-guide-summary/218-camp-amache>
- Watch this video about Amache from Rocky Mountain PBS  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmQoOcamxJw>

