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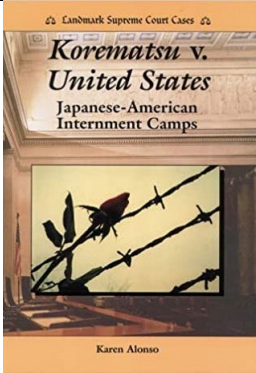
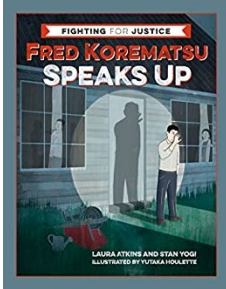
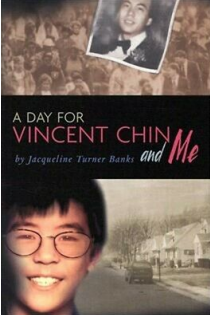
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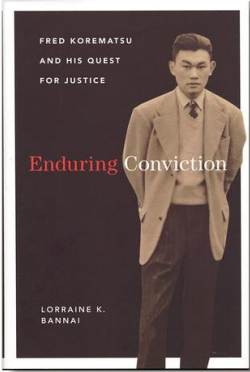
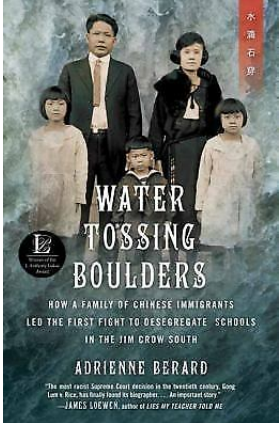
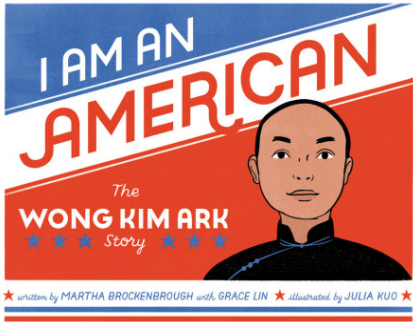
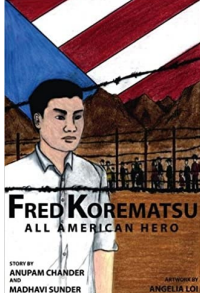
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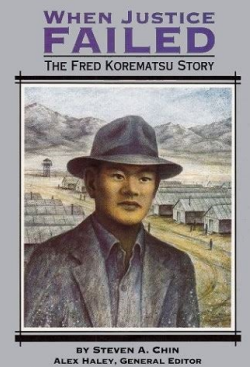
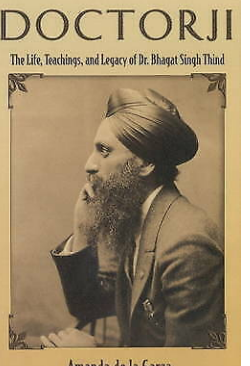
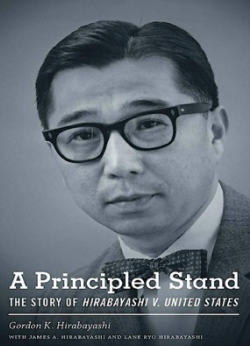
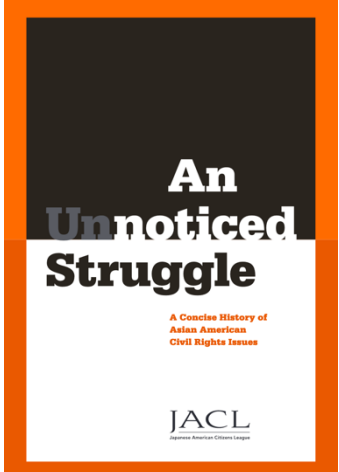
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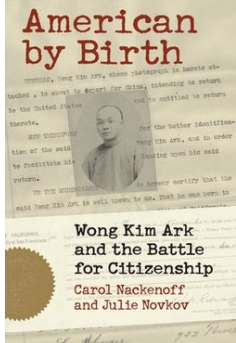
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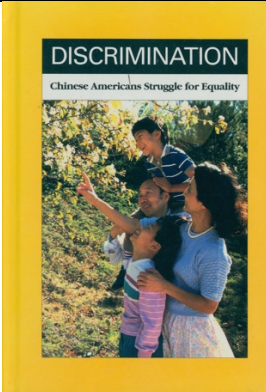

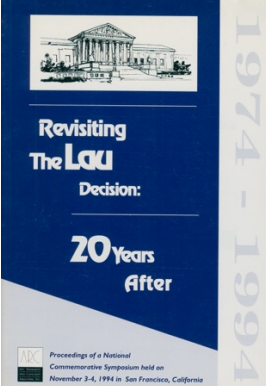
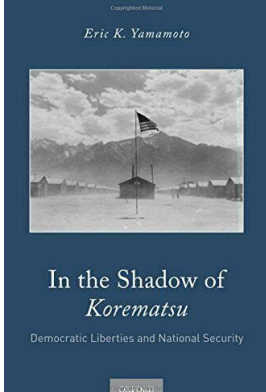
NOTE: Some earlier resources cited below might not be available and are listed for historical reference. As with all resource listings, every work should be considered and examined critically. (SFPL refers to San Francisco Public Library).

Book Title		Synopsis
<p>Alonso, Karen. <i>Korematsu v. United States: Japanese American Internment Camps</i>. Enslow Publishers, 1998. Landmark Supreme Court Cases.</p> <p>Middle – High School</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: j323.1195 ALon</p>		<p>As part of the series on Landmark Supreme Court Cases, this volume analyzes the history of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II. It examines causes, conditions, and lasting effects by focusing on Fred Korematsu, an American citizen who challenged the government as they attempted to remove him from his home and imprison him.</p>
<p>Atkins, Laura, and Stan Yogi. <i>Fred Korematsu Speaks Up</i>. Illustrated by Yutaka Houlette. Heyday, 2017.</p> <p>Elementary School</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: jB KORE</p>		<p>This graphic novel tells the story of Fred Korematsu's fight against racial discrimination. It explores the life of one person who challenged the government to make the United States a fairer place.</p>
<p>Banks, Jacqueline Turner. <i>A Day for Vincent Chin and Me</i>. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2001.</p> <p>Fiction - Elementary-Middle school</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: jF Bank</p>		<p>Tommy is a sixth grade Japanese American who has serious doubts when his mother starts organizing to fight against racism. Once he and his friends find a cause of their own, he gains more understanding of his mother and her motives.</p>

<p>Bannai, Lorraine K. <i>Enduring Conviction: Fred Korematsu and His Quest for Justice.</i> U of Washington P, 2015.</p> <p>Middle – High School</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: 341.67 B2268e</p>		<p>A young attorney, Lorraine Bannai, combines insider knowledge of Fred Korematsu’s case with archival research, personal letters, and accounts from family and close friends. She uncovers the story of a soft-spoken man who fought for justice against human rights abuses.</p>
<p>Berard, Adrienne. <i>Water Tossing Boulders: How a Family of Chinese Immigrants Led the First Fight to Desegregate Schools in the Jim Crow South.</i> Rpt. ed., Beacon Press, 2016.</p> <p>Lum v. Rice case – High School</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: 344.7307 B4504w</p>		<p>Adrienne Berard narrates the story of three individuals who sought to shape a New South. By confronting the doctrine known as “separate but equal,” Martha Lum’s family fought for the right of Chinese Americans to be educated in the white schools of the Jim Crow South. The author explores the complicated condition of racial discrimination and ostracization in rural Southern society.</p>
<p>Brockenbrough, Martha, and Grace Lin. <i>I Am an American: The Wong Kim Ark Story.</i> Illustrated by Julia Kuo, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2021.</p>		<p>When Wong Kim Ark returned home to San Francisco from visiting China, he was told he could not enter because he was not an American citizen. After being stuck on a ship, Wong took his case to the Supreme Court that ultimately changed history on the decision of who is and is not American.</p>
<p>Chander, Anupam, and Madhavi Sunder. <i>Fred Korematsu: All American Hero.</i> Illustrated by Angelia Loi. Carolina Academic P, 2011.</p> <p>Elementary-Middle School</p>		<p>This book follows Fred Korematsu from his childhood in Oakland, California, to his experience in America’s internment camps as a young man, and to the reopening of his case that he lost in the Supreme Court in 1944.</p>

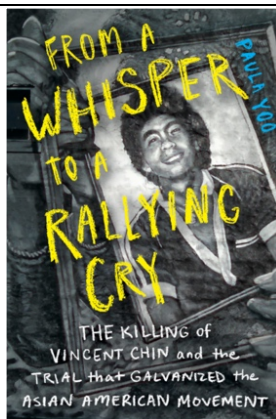
<p>Chin, Steven A. <i>When Justice Failed: The Fred Korematsu Story</i>. Steck-Vaughn, 1993.</p> <p>Elementary-Middle School</p>		<p><i>When Justice Failed</i> is divided into eleven short chapters with an afterword. It begins with the story of Karen Korematsu, Fred's daughter, who first heard in disbelief about her father when she was in high school in the 1960s.</p>
<p>de la Garza, Amanda. <i>Doctorji: The Life, Teachings, and Legacy of Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind</i>. Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind Spiritual Science Foundation, 2016.</p> <p>High School</p>		<p>This biography traces the life of Dr. Bhagat Singh Thind with rare photographs. It explores the core principles of his teachings and examines his legacy through personal recounts of family members and students who knew Dr. Thind firsthand.</p>
<p>Hirabayashi, Gordon K., with James A. Hirabayashi and Lane Ryo Hirabayashi. <i>A Principled Stand: The Story of Hirabayashi v. United States</i>. U of Washington P, 2013. Scott and Laurie Oki Series in Asian American Studies.</p> <p>High School</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: 341.67 H613p</p>		<p>This memoir combines Gordon Hirabayashi's family accounts, photographs, and archived documents, taking readers through his imprisonment and court battles for violating curfew and relocation orders in World War II. His religious faith, roots in student activism, encounters with inmates, and daily experiences during imprisonment are explored through this memoir.</p>
<p>JACL (Japanese American Citizens League). <i>An Unnoticed Struggle: A Concise History of Asian American Civil Rights Issues</i>. JACL, 2008.</p> <p>Middle-High School</p> <p>https://jacl.org/antihate-program</p>		<p><i>An Unnoticed Struggle</i> is divided into sections that examine historical events, legislation, and profiles of individuals. The book can be used as a resource while providing sources and multiple perspectives that will aid in answering and supporting questions.</p>

<p>Kenny, Karen Latchana. <i>Korematsu v. the United States: World War II Japanese-American Internment Camps</i>. ABDO Publishing, 2013.</p> <p>High School</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: 341.67 K395k</p>		<p><i>Korematsu v. the United States</i> was a historical court case that addressed Executive Order 9066, which forced Japanese and Japanese Americans to be placed in internment camps. Readers follow the case from beginning to end, with highlights of the social and political climate of the time, and the aftereffects of the court's decision.</p>
<p>Lee, Wen Ho. <i>My Country versus Me: The First-Hand Account by the Los Alamos Scientist Who Was Falsely Accused of Being a Spy</i>. Helen Zia, collaborator, Hachette Books, 2003.</p> <p>High School</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: B L5162a</p>	 <p>The First-Hand Account by the Los Alamos Scientist Who Was Falsely Accused of Being a Spy</p> <p>WEN HO LEE WITH HELEN ZIA</p>	<p>Wen Ho Lee is a former Los Alamos scientist falsely accused of espionage. He writes about his experiences with the FBI as well as the experiences surrounding his arrest and imprisonment. Lee maintained his innocence the entire time.</p>
<p>McPherson, Stephanie Sammartino. <i>Lau v. Nichols: Bilingual Education in Public Schools</i>. Enslow Publishers, 2000. Landmark Supreme Court Cases.</p> <p>Middle School</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: 344.7307 M2425L</p>	 <p>Landmark Supreme Court Cases</p> <p>Lau v. Nichols Bilingual Education in Public Schools</p> <p>Stephanie Sammartino McPherson</p>	<p>McPherson examines the history of United States education with regard to minorities and non-English speakers. She follows the court case of <i>Lau v. Nichols</i> as it made its way from state courts to the United States Supreme Court. The book explains high court procedures and decisions while highlighting other cases that have been affected by the ruling of <i>Lau v. Nichols</i>.</p>
<p>Nackenoff, Carol, and Julie Novkov. <i>American by Birth: Wong Kim Ark and the Battle for Citizenship</i>. UP of Kansas, 2021.</p> <p>High School</p>	 <p>American by Birth</p> <p>Wong Kim Ark and the Battle for Citizenship</p> <p>Carol Nackenoff and Julie Novkov</p>	<p><i>American by Birth</i> examines Wong Kim Ark's history and legacy following the 1898 Supreme Court ruling that established birthright citizenship to individuals born in the United States.</p>

<p>Ng, Franklin. <i>Chinese Americans Struggle for Equality</i>. Rourke Corporation, 1992. Discrimination Series.</p> <p>Middle School</p>		<p>Franklin Ng identifies discrimination experienced by Chinese Americans and discusses how they have struggled and fought for their civil rights.</p>
<p>Ngai, Mae M. <i>The Lucky Ones: One Family and the Extraordinary Invention of Chinese America</i>. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2010.</p> <p>Story of Mamie Tape's family – High School</p> <p>SFPL Call No.: 305.8951 N4997L</p>		<p><i>The Lucky Ones</i> reveals the story of Mamie Tape and her family who lived in post-Gold Rush San Francisco. Ngai writes a complex narrative of how immigration broker Joseph Tape was able to protest and profit from discrimination while painting the Tapes as the first middle-class Chinese American family.</p>
<p>Sather, Susan, ed. <i>Revisiting the Lau Decision, 20 Years After: Symposium Proceedings</i>. 3-4 Nov. 1994, San Francisco, California. ARC Associates, 1996.</p> <p>High School</p>		<p>This conference was held in 1996 on the 20th anniversary of the <i>Lau v. Nichols</i> decision. The proceedings provide a historical overview of the <i>Lau v. Nichols</i> decision and its impact.</p>
<p>Yamamoto, Eric K. <i>In the Shadow of Korematsu: Democratic Liberties and National Security</i>. Oxford UP, 2018.</p> <p>Middle-High School</p> <p>E-audiobook available at SFPL</p>		<p><i>In the Shadow of Korematsu</i> discusses the civil liberties challenged from past to present. The book includes inquiries regarding the significance of judicial independence for a democratic system.</p>

Yoo, Paula. *From a Whisper to a Rallying Cry: The Killing of Vincent Chin and the Trial That Galvanized the Asian American Movement*. Norton Young Readers, 2021.

Middle-High School



Paula Yoo examines the murder of Vincent Chin by two white men who held anti-Asian sentiment. The trial as well as the subsequent verdicts sparked national outrage.