SS.912.A.6.1 World War II - Example 7 Answer

A major cause of the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II was
a. national segregation policies
b. immigration quotas
c. racial prejudice
d. economic depression

Answer

C. Racial Prejudice

During WWII unfounded concerns that Japanese Americans would become conspirators and collaborators with the Empire of Japan, led many Japanese citizens to be arrested and placed in internment camps throughout the U.S.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt authorized the internment with Executive Order 9066, issued February 19, 1942, which allowed local military commanders to designate "military areas" as "exclusion zones," from which "any or all persons may be excluded." This power was used to declare that all people of Japanese ancestry were excluded from the entire Pacific coast, including all of California and much of Oregon, Washington and Arizona, except for those in internment camps.

*Korematsu v. United States*, (1944), was a landmark United States Supreme Court case concerning the constitutionality of Executive Order 9066, which ordered Japanese Americans into internment camps during World War II regardless of citizenship. In a 6-3 decision, the Court sided with the government, ruling that the exclusion order was constitutional.