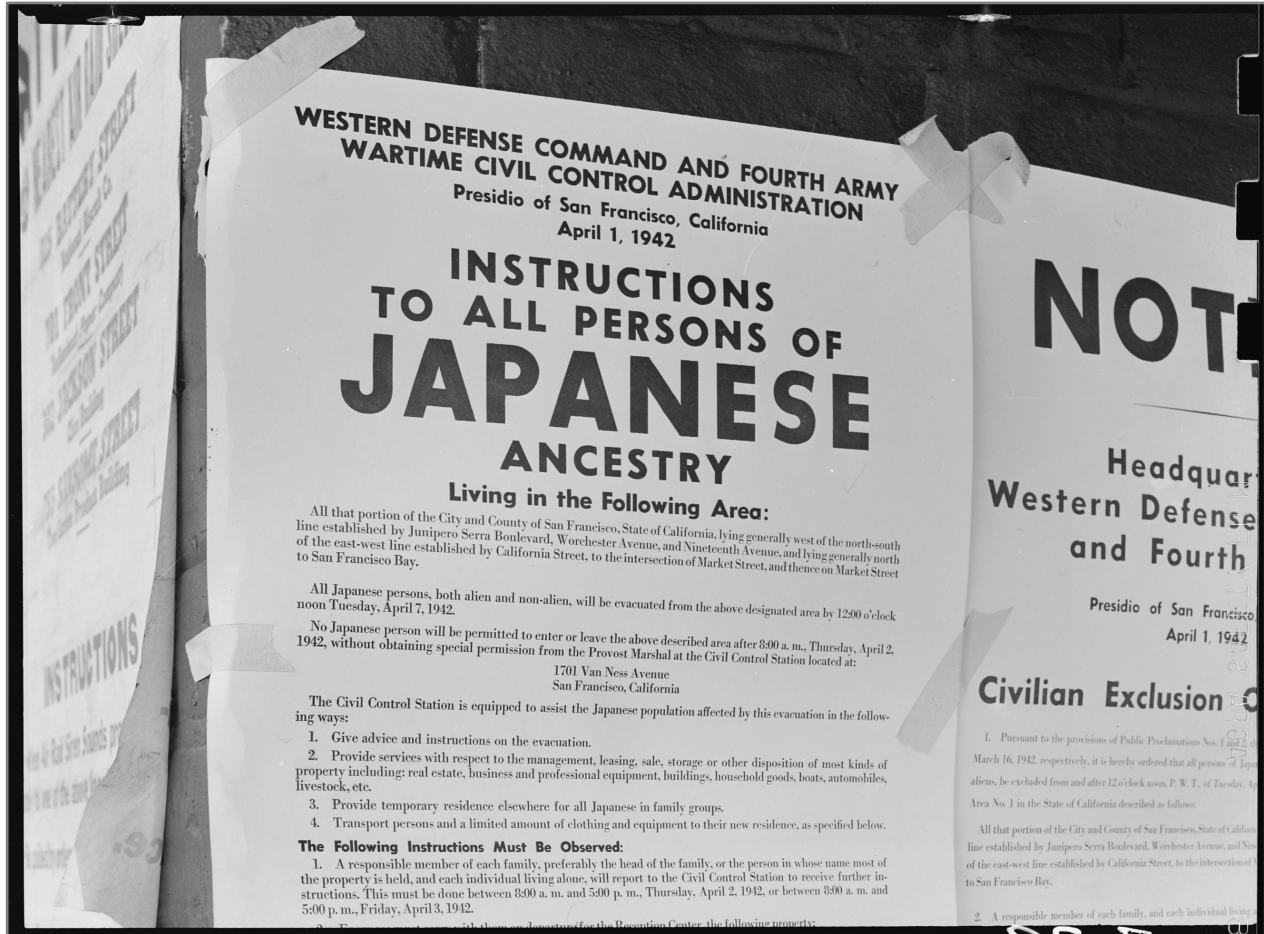


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Exclusion Order posted at First and Front Streets directing removal of persons of Japanese ancestry from the first San Francisco section to be affected by the evacuation. Created by the Department of the Interior's War Relocation Authority.

Source: National Archives, <https://catalog.archives.gov/id/536017>.

Observe

1. What do you notice first?

Student answers will vary but may include "JAPANESE," "INSTRUCTIONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTRY," "WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION," the tape, the other flyers, and "April 1, 1942."

2. How is the text and other information arranged on the page?
Student answers will vary but might include that there is a list of how the Civil Control Station is equipped to help and a list of instructions for persons of Japanese ancestry. They may also comment that there are capital letters used to call attention to “INSTRUCITONS TO ALL PERSONS OF JAPANESE ANCESTORY,” and “WESTERN DEFENSE COMMAND AND FOURTH ARMY WARTIME CIVIL CONTROL ADMINISTRATION.”
3. What is the significance of the date this order was posted?
The order was posted on April 1, 1942. This was less than four months after the bombing of Pearl Harbor. It is probably not significant, but April 1st is April Fool’s Day.
4. What do you notice about the date of the order and the date of the evacuation? Why might this be important?
The order was posted on April 1, 1942 and the time to report was noon on April 7th. This gave the people forced into internment camps less than a week to get their affairs in order.

Reflect

5. Who do you think was the audience for this poster?
People of Japanese Ancestry who were being forced to evacuate to internment camps.
6. What can you tell about what was important at the time this order was posted?
Student answers will vary. The nation was at war and the security of the U.S. was the most important concern.

Question

7. What do you still wonder about?
Student answers will vary.