

Worksheet 4.1: Life Incarcerated

Issei and Nisei Experiences

Part A: Issei Testimony

- 1) What is this person's name?
- 2) What was his/her life like before World War II?
- 3) How did this person's life change when he/she was incarcerated?
- 4) What economic difficulties did he/she face? How about emotional or psychological difficulties?
- 5) Looking back, how does this person feel about his/her experience?

Part B: Nisei Essay

- 1) What is this person's name?
- 2) How did this person's life change when they were incarcerated?
- 3) What is this person angry or worried about?
- 4) What are his/her hopes for the future?
- 5) How do you think this person felt about his/her experiences forty years later?

Part C: Comparison

- 1) In what ways were these two people's experiences of incarceration similar?
- 2) How were their experiences different?
- 3) What are some of the factors that made these two people's experiences different from each other?