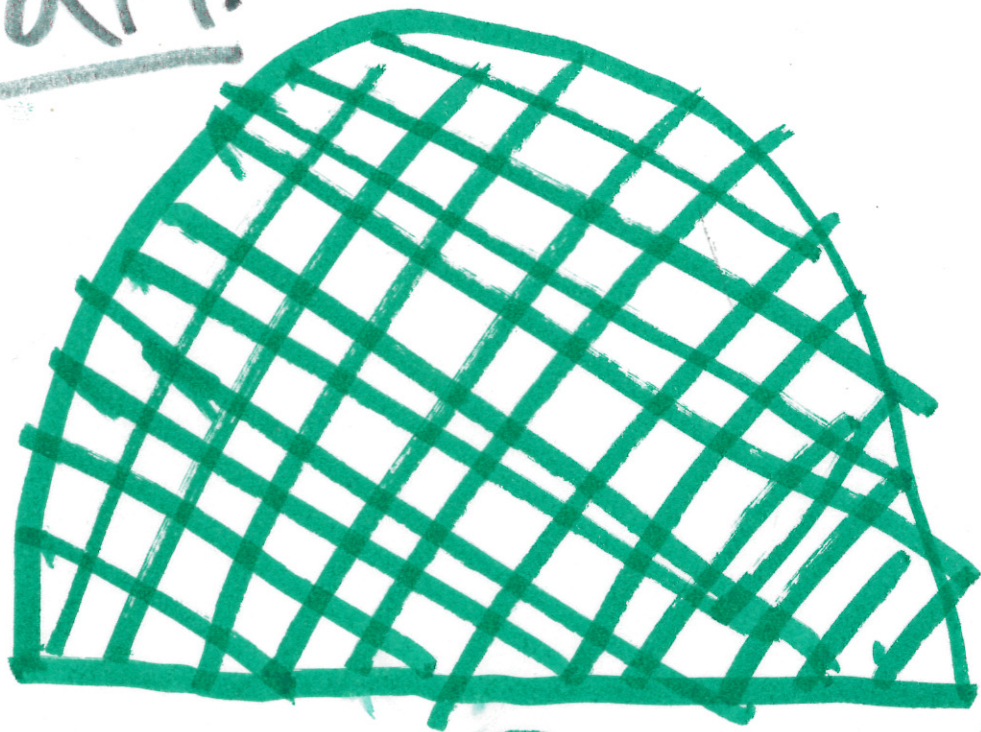


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The 442nd Regimental Combat Team was an all - Japanese American army regiment during World War II. It consisted of Japanese American volunteers from the internment camps.

The Origins of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team

Shortly after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, many Japanese Americans were interned in camps around the country. In 1943, U.S. military officials came to the camps. All Japanese Americans who were fit to fight had a choice whether or not to join the 442nd Regimental Combat Team. If they joined up, of course, they could leave the camps.

Many of the internees volunteered in order to get out of the camps, but many also felt that to prove their loyalty to America and regain respect and their rights as citizens, they had to gain the trust of the American citizens by protecting America with their lives.

The 442nd Regiment joined up with the 100th Battalion in 1944 (the combined team was called the 100th/442nd). The 100th Battalion consisted of

Nisei volunteers from Hawaii. It was formed in 1942, while the 442nd wasn't formed until 1943.

The Experiences of the 442nd Regiment

When they arrived in Europe, the soldiers of the 442nd Regiment still had to prove their competence to mistrustful white soldiers and officers. But then, when the soldiers of the 442nd Regiment fought alongside American troops, they finally earned their respect. Together, the 100th/442nd regiment fought in 8 major campaigns in Europe.

Rescue

In particular, the 442nd was respected for liberating a small French town and rescuing the "Lost Battalion" (141st). The 141st Texas regiment was trapped behind German lines in eastern France, and was low on food and supplies. The 442nd had just finished liberating two French towns after fierce fighting, and had no time to rest before they were sent out again to help the 141st Battalion. After days of difficult fighting, the 442nd broke through enemy lines, and Freed the "Lost Battalion."

Conclusion

The 442nd Regiment's motto was "Go for Broke," which is a gambling term that means to risk everything to win big. Due to its bravery and effectiveness, the 100th/442nd Regimental Combat Team was the most decorated combat regiment in U.S. history, for its size and length of service. Although they earned the respect of their fellow soldiers, when they returned to America, the Japanese-American veterans were met with much racism and discrimination. I had a lot of fun writing this essay and hope you learn a lot from reading it.

Dylan,

This is an informative and well-structured piece of writing. While your thesis is more a statement of fact than an argument (or opinion), I think your work is quite successful. I have enjoyed seeing your growth as a student in the 4/5 and it seems you're ready for the challenges of Middle School!

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