1925–1949
POWs Far From The Battleground

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1. **DISCUSSION**
   Live in a Nebraska POW Camp

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   Location of Nebraska POW Camps

3. **DISCUSSION**
   Nazi Influence at Fort Robinson

4. **ESSAY**
   Create a POW Camp:
   - Resources
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nebraska studies.org
Life in a Prisoner of War Camp in Nebraska

activity

Discussion

Answer the following questions about life in a prisoner-of-war camp in Nebraska:

• What was the closest camp to your community? Why do you think the government chose the location of the camp?
• How were the prisoners treated?
• How did the location of the camps help the local community?

Nebraska Department of Education Content Area Standards

Social Studies
SS 4.3.1

Language Arts
LA 4.1.6 Comprehension
Activity Grade Level: 4

Activity

Map & Diary

Draw a map of the United States and indicate the location of the 23 prisoner-of-war camps in Nebraska. Pretend you are a prisoner-of-war living in one of the camps and write a diary indicating what life was like for you.

Nebraska Department of Education Content Area Standards

Social Studies

SS 4.3.1

Language Arts

LA 4.1.6 Comprehension
Read the story Nazi Influence at Fort Robinson at http://nebraskastudies.org/1925-1949/pows-far-from-the-battleground/nazis-in-nebraska/ and answer the following questions:

• Define the terms Nazi, Bolshevik, and communist.

• What problems did the Nazis cause at the prisoner-of-war camps? How did the U.S. government military command attempt to solve the problems?

Imagine you are a German P.O.W. confined to a camp in Nebraska. Write a diary explaining what your life is like and what you hope to do when the war is over.
Create a POW Camp

activity

Essay

Read the story Nazi Influence at Fort Robinson at and answer the following questions:

Imagine the U.S. is at war with a foreign country in Asia or Europe. You are a military official who has been given the responsibility of selecting a site for a prisoner of war camp in Nebraska. Write an essay indicating where you would build the camp and why.

[Refer to the POWs Far from the Battlefield section at http://nebraskastudies.org/1925-1949/pows-far-from-the-battleground/ and other Internet resources for points to consider.]

Nebraska Department of Education Content Area Standards

Social Studies
SS HS.4.3; SS HS.4.4; SS HS.4.5

Language Arts
LA 12.1 Reading; LA 12.2.4
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resources

Map Analysis Worksheet

Nebraska Department of Education Academic Standards https://www.education.ne.gov/contentareastandards/
National Archives http://www.archives.gov/index.html
# National Archives: Map Analysis Worksheet

## 1. TYPE OF MAP (check one)
- Raised relief map
- Topographic map
- Political map
- Contour-line map
- Natural resource map
- Military map
- Bird’s-eye view
- Artifact map
- Satellite photograph/mosaic
- Pictograph
- Weather map
- Other ( )

## 2. PHYSICAL QUALITIES OF THE MAP (check one or more)
- Compass
- Handwritten
- Date
- Notations
- Scale
- Name of mapmaker
- Title
- Legend (key)
- Other

## 3. DATE OF MAP

## 4. CREATOR OF MAP

## 5. WHERE WAS THE MAP PRODUCED?

## 6. MAP INFORMATION

### A. List three things in this map that you think are important:
1. .......................................................................................................................................................................................................
2. .......................................................................................................................................................................................................
3. .......................................................................................................................................................................................................

### B. Why do you think this map was drawn?

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### C. What evidence in the map suggests why it was drawn?

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### D. What information does the map add to the textbook’s account of this event?

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### E. Does the information in this map support or contradict information that you have read about this event? Explain.

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Write a question to the mapmaker that is left unanswered by this map.

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Social Studies Standards

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SS 4.3.1 Explore where (spatial) and why people, places, and environments are organized in the state and around the world.

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SS HS.3.4 Compare and contrast patterns of human populations and culture over space and time on a local, national, and global scale.

SS HS.3.5 Evaluate issues and/or events using geographic knowledge and geospatial skills to make informed decisions.

SS HS.4.3 Examine historical events from the perspectives of marginalized and underrepresented groups.

SS HS.4.4 Evaluate sources for perspective, limitations, accuracy, and historical context.

SS HS.4.5 Apply the inquiry process to construct and answer historical questions.
Language Arts Standards

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LA 4.1.6 Comprehension: Students will construct meaning by using prior knowledge and text information while reading grade-level literary and informational text.

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LA 12.1 Reading The standards for grade 1 presume that basic skills in reading have been taught before grade 4 and that students are independent readers. For those students who are still having difficulty in developing grade level reading skills, teachers should continue to work with students in those areas appropriate to the skills and needs of the individual student. Grades 8 through 1 should continue the emphasis on developing reading skills (skill building) while maintaining the emphasis on expanding the variety and depth of reading experiences.

LA 12.2.4 Students will use a variety of forms to write for different audiences and purposes.