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5. What could have remained a soul-despairing time for Japanese Americans who were relocated in Gila, Arizona, had its bright spots with the addition of baseball. Zeni, Kenichi Zenimura, from Fresno, California, designed and built the baseball diamond in the camp. As the author comments, "It was a symbol of hope..."
6. Research other relocation camps for Japanese Americans. Did they have baseball diamonds for recreation, or something else?

Oral history project: interview survivors (who would have been children in the camps). Check with local history groups about oral histories on the subject.

Search library databases for other relocation camps during WWII. Follow up with questions concerning the properties held by Japanese Americans. Did they get back their properties and houses? Why, or why not?
7. Create a shape book in the form of a baseball. Die-cut or hand cut two white cardstock or construction paper circles with 4" diameters. Cut at least six lined circles to fit in between the two white circles. Hole-punch an opening through all layers. Fasten with a brad. Decorate the front cover in the design of a baseball with all of its seams. Write a response to the book within the covers.

Create a board game centered around a baseball diamond. Place a stack of cards with questions on the pitcher's mound. Use with teams or an entire class. Each correct answer about the book advances a player to the next base (a hit). Each incorrect answer is a strikeout. Can also use nine players per team to mimic a baseball team.

Debate the question of relocation from a 1940's point of view, Divide class into two debate teams. Select moderators to time and judge effectiveness of debates.
8. California State Standards:

Key Ideas and Details, gr. 6-8, RL 1-3; Craft and Structure, gr. 6-8, RL 4, 6

