

Episode 1: ROCKS

This episode is about the forced removal of Japanese Americans in the aftermath of Pearl Harbor, but it's also about the bedrock that lies beneath. Literally. We talk about rocks — not just in the geographic sense, but also the stories they hold: of origins and stolen lands; of passing time and reviving tradition; of memory and of the questions we learned not to ask. See the full transcript here.

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Is there a landmark near where you live that has a name that was given to it by Indigenous people? Is that name still used? Why or why not?
- 2. How many generations have your ancestors been in the U.S.? When and from what countries did they come? Or have your ancestors always been here?
- 3. What does the comment, "Silence can take up a lot of space" mean to you?
- 4. If you were suddenly forced to leave your home, and you could only take what you could carry, what would you take?

Lesson Idea:

Try writing a haiku about something that you have collected. Before starting your haiku, reflect on the following questions: What did you collect? Why did you collect that item? How did your collection start? For info on haiku (description, history, format): Haiku

