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STUDENT #1: We're going on a field trip to the internment camp in South Jersey -- in Bridgeton - Seabrook Farms.

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STUDENT #2: We're going through a museum in Seabrook, I believe about Japanese American internment. STUDENT #3: During World War II the Japanese were interned in camps across the United States because their loyalty was questioned since we were at war with Japan. STUDENT #4: This is gonna be a fun trip. Getting out of the college and I'm expecting to learn something or dig more deeply into what we've been learning in Asian American Lit.

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STUDENT #5: Because this isn't popular knowledge that...This is something that I just want to take the opportunity to go out and see for myself.

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JOHN FUYUUME: Welcome to the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center in Upper Deerfield

Township. My name is John Fuyuume. I'm the past Volunteer Project Director and currently a

Trustee of the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center whose mission is to preserve and

make known the unique history of Seabrook in Cumberland County as a place where peoples of

different races and cultural heritage were given an opportunity for a new start in life and

subsequently their significant contributions to the township, state and nation.

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TERRI MASATANI: It wasn't a bad life.

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You know, all these adversities make you have character, builds character, makes you more

compassionate. I remember right after school there were three

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white girls that weren't even in my class. [sic] We waited for me with rocks and throw this rock

and I said, "Oh, this is horrible. I hope it doesn't...

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the rock doesn't hit me." And I would run home, but I never told my mom or dad. I'm just so grateful to all the teachers who were so kind. Took their Saturdays off to give us the English class. And we loved [it]. Once we learned English, no one ever intimidated us again. Nobody.

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VISITOR: Yeah a lot of things have changed tremendously. SETSUKO FUYUUME: Yes. Yes. STUDENT #6: Did you have any special occasions that you observed while you were here? Like were there any marriages or anything that happened? SETSUKO FUYUUME: Oh yes. There was a Christian church and a Buddhist temple over here. JOHN FUYUUME: All the red buildings there and that water tower and all of that area over there was the factory. And then, it had 20,000 acres that was owned by the plant. [Talking in the background] And they had 20,000 acres that was contracted in Pennsylvania, Delaware and Maryland. So, that's why it was the world's largest integrated farm and frozen-food factory.

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STUDENT #7: A memo from C.F. Seabrook and he's talking about the prisoners of war and changing their work schedules. Because he's saying that too many of them are on the floor at the same time so there's not enough work for the number of people that were here. It is showing all the different types of food that Seabrook Farms produced at the time. You just didn't think, you know, this was in New Jersey. This is a story you never hear about in class growing up here.

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STUDENT #8: I didn't realize just how many different cultures were here working. And I learned about the power of labor that was what brought the, brought the Japanese internees over to the East Coast. And other people so, that's what I learned. I learned a lot of things. And I'm glad I was wrong. Extremely wrong. STUDENT #9: Coming here, I didn't actually know what we were doing. But now that [after] actually going, I learned that this is an alternative to Japanese internment camps.

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Which I found really interesting because they were really doing work anyway; however, they were given a lot more freedom than they were in the internment camps.

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STUDENT #10: I feel like it seems like it was an oasis that gave like a lot of freedoms for a lot of Japanese people. STUDENT #9: I thought looking at other people's point of views and seeing what they created

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in New Jersey was very interesting, so.