

## SAMPLE GENRE

### Genre # 1 Pictures

Harsh living conditions: Waiting every day in long lines to eat in the mess hall.



Harsh living conditions: Living in a prison-like environment.



**Conditions at Heart Mountain were harsh. Whole families were moved into unfurnished single-room quarters in barracks served by communal latrines. Privacy vanished. Communal meals in spartan mess halls – among many other factors – contributed to the disintegration of families. With only bare walls and tarpaper to protect them from the Wyoming wind, internees shivered in the winter and sweltered in the summer.**

Attempting to make life as normal as possible:

Yet somehow a culture of perseverance and genuine patriotism managed to flourish in these conditions of oppression. Japanese Americans created a remarkably vibrant community at Heart Mountain. Internees built a functioning system of democratic self-government. A highly professional internee newspaper, the *Heart Mountain Sentinel*, kept the community informed of both national and community events, and managed to achieve remarkable editorial independence from government administrators.

Young Japanese Americans torn from their schools, their sports teams, and their clubs on the

West Coast found ways to nourish their minds, their bodies and their interests in camp.



<http://www.heartmountain.us/history.htm>

## How this genre supports my thesis.

**Thesis: Although Japanese Americans endured harsh living conditions in the internment camps during World War II, they attempted to make life as normal as possible.**

“Inmates stood in line for everything, including meals, latrines, supplies and services. Meals were nutritionally inadequate, medical care, minimal. But as prison life evolved, inmates helped organize essential services” such as forming self-governments, sports teams, clubs, etc., in an attempt to make life as normal as possible.

The information and pictures that I found on the Internet helps support my thesis in that it relates how Japanese Americans suffered hardships but still attempted to make life as normal as possible.