

English 2 Level 3 (W210233)

When the Emperor Was Divine, Julie Otsuka

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Welcome to 3 Level Sophomore English! To prepare for next year's class, please read the text listed below by the beginning of the school year. You should be able to find this book at local bookstores or through Amazon.com.

When the Emperor Was Divine explores multiple perspectives related to the Japanese American Internment during WWII. Otsuka writes from the perspective of family members whose lives are forever changed and potentially disrupted due to actions in response to the attack on Pearl Harbor. This is a work of historical fiction set over seventy years ago; however, the issues and experiences explored speak to contemporary issues. As you read, **annotate what you feel to be important** about character development and recurring patterns and images. Record questions you have about the text in the margins as you read. Also, consider how the author's message is relevant today. We will assess your annotations upon your return to school (be prepared to submit them).

Before you begin reading, please take time to visit "Children of the Camps" at PBS (www.pbs.org/childofcamp/index.html) to learn about Japanese American internment.

