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## **Miné Okubo**

Japanese American

### **Artist**

Miné Okubo (1912-2001) was hired to paint murals after college. Suddenly, Japan attacked the United States. Japanese Americans had nothing to do with the attack, but they were forced to leave their homes to live in prison camps during the war. Life was hard. They had to live in shacks with no heat in the winter. There was very little food and families could not stay together. People were not allowed to have cameras to record what was happening to them. Miné drew pictures of life in the camps. Through her drawings, and the work of many Japanese American artists, people learned about the terrible conditions in the camps. Many artists hope that their drawings will stop the government from sending people to prison unfairly in war time.

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