Asians in America

**\*\*If this page feels too long, possibly divide into three tabs: 1840s-1920s, 1930s-1980s, and 1980s-Present Day\*\***

**\*\* Timeline is vertical, and pictures can go under or beside the text (whichever is easier or looks the best). \*\***

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***Yellow highlight = for more info, a clickable link on the word “here” or the whole phrase?***

***Pink Highlight= Insert Image Here***

**EPIGRAPH: “We’ve been here two hundred years. The first Chinese**

**came in 1815. Germans and Dutch and Irish and Italians who came at the turn of the twentieth century. They’re Americans. Why doesn’t this face register as American?” (Charles Yu, *Interior Chinatown*)**

**Title of Page:** Asian American Historical Timeline

**Heading: 1840-1920s**

* 1843- A 14 year old fisherman named Manjiro becomes the first U.S Japanese immigrant.

Insert Image #1: Manjiro First Japanese Immigrant.JPG

* 1850- California imposes the Foreign Miners Tax. It is enforced mostly against Chinese miners, who were often forced to pay more.
* 1854- People v. Hall determined that Chinese people cannot defend against white defendants.
* 1875- The Page Act was enacted on March 3, 1875.
  + What is The Page Act?
    - The Page Act prohibited the recruitment of laborers from “China, Japan, or any Oriental Country” who were coerced or women brought for immoral purposes. Click here for more information. <https://immigrationhistory.org/item/page-act/>
* May 6 1882- Chinese immigrants are targeted by congress with the passing of the Chinese Exclusion Act, signed into law by President Chester Arthur.
  + What is The Chinese Exclusion Act?
    - The Chinese Exclusion prohibited the immigration of Chinese laborers for 10 years. The law excluded merchants, teachers, students, and diplomats. When the Exclusion Act expired in 1892, Congress added an extension through the Geary Act. The extension was made permanent in 1902 and required each Chinese resident to register and obtain a certificate of residence. Click here for more information. <https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/chinese-exclusion-act>
* May 27-28, 1887- Rock Springs Massacre:
  + What is the Rock Springs Massacre?
    - Seven white horse thieves ambush a group of Chinese miners who set up camp along the Snake River in Oregon. The thieves murdered all 34 men and mutilated their bodies before dumping them in the river. Three members of the gang stood on trial and were found not guilty by an all-white jury.

Insert Image #2: rock springs massacre.JPG

* 1896- Bubonic Plague Scare in Honolulu: Chinatown Burned
  + What is the Bubonic Plague Scare?
    - After a shopkeeper in Honolulu’s Chinatown is diagnosed with the Bubonic Plague, the Territory of Hawaii’s Board of Health declares a state of emergency as more cases are identified. As a result, city officials decided to set fire to infected homes and businesses. The flames eventually grew out of control and left 38 acres of Chinatown burned.
* March 28, 1898- Wong Kim Ark v. U.S. decides that Chinese born in the U.S. cannot be stripped of their citizenship.
  + What is Wong Kim Ark v. U.S.?
    - One of the most far-reaching cases in immigration law, the Supreme Court ruled for the first time that 14th Amendment to the Constitution applied to all people born in the United States "regardless of race or color." Thus, Wong Kim Ark, who was born in the U.S., was considered a citizen by birth and could not be prevented from returning to live in America after a trip to China.
* 1904- Chinese Exclusion Act made indefinite.
* 1907- President Theodore Roosevelt signs Executive Order 589 prohibiting Japanese with passports for Hawaii, Mexico, or Canada to emigrate to the U.S.
* 1910- Angel Island opens in San Francisco Bay, serving as the country’s major point of entry for Asian immigrants.
* February 5 1917- Congress passes the Immigration Act of 1917.
  + What is the Immigration Act of 1917?
    - Also known as the Asiatic Barred Zone, this act was intended to prevent “undesirables” from immigrating to the US. The act primarily targeted individuals migrating from Asia.
* 1922- *Takao Ozawa v. U.S*. declares Japanese ineligible for naturalized citizenship.
* 1928- Filipino farm workers are driven out of Yakima Valley, Washington.

**Heading**: 1930s

* 1930 - The Japanese American Citizens League forms
  + What is the Japanese American Citizens League?
    - A national organization that fights for Asian and Pacific Islanders rights. Click here for more information. <https://jacl.org/>
* 1938 - 150 Chinese women working as garment workers go on strike against the National Dollar stores. Click here for more information. <https://www.nps.gov/people/sue-ko-lee.htm>
* September 1, 1939 - World War II Starts

**Heading**: 1940s

* December 7th, 1941 - Japan attacks Pearl Harbor

[Insert Image Pearl Harbor Aftermath.jpg]

* December 8th, 1941 - America declares war on Japan and ultimately joins World War II.
* January 5th, 1941 - All Japanese-Americans that are selective service registrants are titled “enemy aliens.”
* February 19th, 1942 - Franklin D. Roosevelt signs Executive Order 9066
  + What is Executive Order 9066?
    - Executive Order 9066 is the order that created internment camps. When Roosevelt signed this all “persons deemed a threat” from the West Coast were moved into what they called “relocation centers” (a.k.a internment camps).
* March 2, 1942 - DeWitt issues the Public Proclamation Number 1
  + What is Public Proclamation Number 1?
    - A document that designated military areas in Washington, Oregon, California, and Arizona where Japanese residents were not welcome.
* June 2, 1942 - All Japanese residents of Military Area No. 1 in California, Oregon, Washington and Arizona have been removed.
* March 19, 1942 - The War Relocation Authority is established.
  + What is The War Relocation Authority?
    - The federal agency created in 1942 to care for the 110,000 Japanese Americans whom the army removed from the West Coast during World War II. Click here for more information. <https://encyclopedia.densho.org/War_Relocation_Authority/>
* March 24, 1942 - The first Civilian Exclusion Order was put into order, there would be 108 more to come.
  + - What is the Civilian Exclusion Order?
      * Gave families one week to evacuate their homes. Click here for more information. <https://encyclopedia.densho.org/Civilian_exclusion_orders#:~:text=A%20series%20of%20orders%20issued,areas%20on%20the%20West%20Coast>.

[Insert Image Civilian Exclusion Order No. 41.jpg]

* December 17, 1944
  + Relocation orders are revoked and exclusion is lifted, this went into effect on January 2, 1945.
* August 6, 1945 - Atomic bomb is dropped on Hiroshima, Japan.
* August 14, 1945 - Japan surrenders, ending World War II.
* December 1945 - All camps besides Tule Lake are closed.

[Insert Image Japanese Internment Guard Tower.jpg]

* March 1946 - Tule Lake closes

**Heading**: 1950s

* 1950 - Korean War starts
* 1952 - The Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952 grants the right of naturalization to Japanese citizens. Click here for more information. <https://immigrationhistory.org/item/immigration-and-nationality-act-the-mccarran-walter-act/>
* 1953 - The Korean War ends
* 1955 - Vietnam War starts

[Insert Image Vietnam War]

* 1956 - California repeals it’s Alien Land Law
  + What is the Alien Land Law?
    - The Alien Land Law prohibited “aliens” from owning land! Click here for more information. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/California_Alien_Land_Law_of_1913>

**Heading**: 1960s

* 1962 - Daniel K. Inouye becomes U.S. senator and Spark Matsunaga becomes a U.S. congressman.
* 1964 - Patsy Takemoto Mink becomes first Asian American woman to serve in Congress as representative from Hawaii.
* 1965 - South Korea sends over 250,000 troops to assist the American war effort in Vietnam.

**Heading**: 1970s

* 1971 - The Ping Pong Diplomacy starts
  + What is the Ping Pong Diplomacy?
    - The Ping Pong Diplomacy began when the U.S. ping pong team was invited to China to play in exhibition matches against the Chinese team. Click here for more information. <https://diplomacy.state.gov/ping-pong-diplomacy-historic-1971-u-s-table-tennis-trip-to-china/>

[Insert Image Ping Pong]

Caption: President Nixon greets Chinese ping pong delegates in 1972.jpg

* 1975 - The Korean War ends.

[Insert Image Korean War Memorial.jpg]

* 1975 - Vietnam War ends.

**Heading**: 1980s-Present Day

* June 23, 1982: Vincent Chin is murdered
  + Who was Vincent Chin?
    - Vincent Chin was an American man of Chinese descent who was murdered by white men in Detroit. The men blamed Chin and Japanese Americans for their unemployment and the rise of Japanese imported cars. Chin, and his friends, were at a bachelor party when the two men held Chin down and beat him with a baseball bat. The two men never received jail time. Click here for more information. <https://www.npr.org/2022/06/19/1106118117/vincent-chin-aapi-hate-incidents>
* June 24, 1982: More than 20,000 Asian American garment workers successfully rally for fair labor laws in New York.
* November 13, 1982: The Vietnam War memorial is made and unveiled in Washington D.C. The memorial was created by Maya Lin, the granddaughter of Chinese Americans.

[Insert Image Vietnam War Memorial]

* 1987: The Proclamation of Asian Pacific American Heritage Week is signed and put into place.
* 1987-1989: Asian American surviving internees are granted reparations by the U.S. government.
  + What are internment reparations?
    - In 1987, the US House of Representatives voted 243-141 in favor of paying each surviving Asian American of internment camps $20,000 in reparations. In 1988, the US Senate voted 69-27 in support of the act. In 1989, President George H.W. Bush signed the bill into law, granting each surviving internee a $20,000 payment. The act became known as The Civil Liberties Act of 1988.
* 2000: President Bill Clinton names Norman Mineta his Secretary of Commerce, making him the first Asian American to serve in an American president’s cabinet.

[Insert Image Secretary Norm Mineta]

* 2000: President Bill Clinton names Elaine Chao his Secretary of Labor, making her the first Asian American woman to serve in an American president’s cabinet.
* October 2018: Jon Chu’s film *Crazy Rich Asians* becomes the highest-earning romantic comedy since the 1990s. The film has earned $238 million and counting.
* January 2021: Kamala Harris is sworn in as the 49th Vice President of the United States of America, making her the first Asian American person to serve as Vice President.

[Insert Image Harris Inauguration]

* March 2021: Many protests and rallies take place in protest of Asian hate in America.
* How were these rallies related to COVID-19?
  + During the COVID-19 pandemic, hate crimes against Asian Americans rose by 339%. Because the origins of the virus come from China, an untrue belief formed that Asians in America were the cause of shutdowns and economic loss due to COVID.

[Insert Image Stop Asian Hate Rally]

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