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INTRODUCTION

Resource Guide Overview
The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) has compiled resources with support of community partners to help public K-12 educators successfully implement the Teaching Equitable Asian American Community History (TEAACH) Act and incorporate Asian American history and perspectives into social science curricula. Please note that per ISBE policy, these resources are to be viewed as suggested teaching tools but are not required to be used or taught in the classroom; as a reminder, ISBE does not endorse or review curricula.
Guide Sections and Associated Resources
The guide provides a mix of free and paid Asian American history resources.

1. Quick Links by Theme and Learning Objective
Free articles, sample lesson plans, presentations, and videos aligned to updated standards and grouped based on themes and competencies

2. Longer-form Text
Select memoirs, poems, essays, and historical fiction for purchase/rent at public libraries that provide more detailed perspectives on Asian American history and identity

3. Asynchronous Digital Learning
Mix of free and paid short courses and micro-credentials for educators interested in learning more about Asian American history in a structured manner

4. Professional Convenings
Mix of free and paid conferences, webinars, and workshops aimed at providing educators opportunities for community building, knowledge sharing, and professional development

This resource guide will be reviewed and updated periodically to ensure that all resources continue to be both relevant and trustworthy to allow for transparent version-to-version comparisons. Past iterations of the guide will be archived on the ISBE website.
Media Literacy Framework

Public Act 102-0055, signed in 2021 by Governor JB Pritzker, mandates that every high school teaches a unit of media literacy. The mandate explicitly calls out high school learners, but media literacy is nevertheless important across all grade levels. Given the potential for resources in this guide to be directly shared with and used by students of all age groups, it is important to underscore Illinois’ statewide approach to interacting with media.

Media literacy is defined as the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, create, and communicate using a variety of objective forms, including, but not limited to print, visual, audio, interactive, and digital texts. Media literacy can give learners a greater sense of control over how much media messages impact both themselves and those around them by answering the questions: who has control over the message, its use, and its impact as part of our media environment?

The next two pages outline the four conceptual pillars supporting the state's media literacy framework: manufactured reality, the medium is the message, media influence, and empowerment. Our hope is that educators keep these concepts top of mind as they engage with the resources in this guide, both independently and with their students.

See The What and Why of Media Literacy, a declaration by the Illinois Media Literacy Coalition: ilmlc.org/declaration
MEDIA LITERACY PILLARS

Manufactured Reality
All media messages are constructed toward a specific purpose. They do not simply mirror reality, but instead represent it through a series of purposeful choices made by their creators and consumers.

For example, when we take a selfie with others to post on social media, we may smile and frame that picture in a way that emphasizes how much fun we’re having at that moment.

The Medium is the Message
All media messages are constructed toward a specific purpose. They do not simply mirror reality, but instead represent it through a series of purposeful choices made by their creators and consumers.

For example, when we take a selfie with others to post on social media, we may smile and frame that picture in a way that emphasizes how much fun we’re having at that moment.

Media Influence
Media are powerful communication tools that people use to influence actions, attitudes, beliefs, and values. In this way, media connect sender and receiver through messages.

For example, advertising is a classic example – imagine you are stopping at your local coffee shop for a cup and see a sign at the register promoting a sale on its pastries. You see it and choose to buy one, not because the sign explicitly asked you to buy one, but instead the message that pastries are available nudged you to make the purchase.

Empowerment
Analyzing media messages, evaluating their impact, and reflecting on our media use provides us greater control over its use, which fosters a greater sense of well-being, agency, and self-efficacy.

For example, when watching a video on social media featuring information on healthy eating, a person with greater media literacy skill considers the impact of this information before incorporating it into their existing lifestyle – by comparing it with other sources of information, whose purpose is to inform, and not just to entertain.
C3 Framework Overview

The National Council for the Social Studies developed the College, Career, and Civic Life (C3) Framework to strengthen social studies programs across the country and serve as an effective bedrock for social science instruction across grade levels. C3’s primary objectives are threefold:

1. **Enhance the rigor of the social studies disciplines.**
2. **Build critical thinking, problem-solving, and participatory skills to become engaged citizens.**
3. **Align academic programs to the Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts and Literacy in History/Social Studies.**

The framework centers inquiry in learning, envisioned as an arc of interlocking and mutually reinforcing elements speaking to the intersection of ideas and learners. The arc itself has four dimensions leveraging the use of questions to spark curiosity, guide instruction, deepen investigations, acquire rigorous content, and apply knowledge and ideas in real-world settings to become active and engaged citizens in the 21st century:

There are four types of inquiry that can be used in C3-based learning; the type chosen is a function of educator and student familiarity with inquiry-based approaches:

1. **Structured Inquiry:** Students follow the lead of the teacher as the entire class engages in one inquiry together.
2. **Controlled Inquiry:** Teacher chooses topics and identifies the resources students will use to answer questions.
3. **Guided Inquiry:** Teacher chooses topics/questions and students design product or solution.
4. **Free Inquiry:** Students choose their topics without reference to any prescribed outcome.

See the National Council for the Social Studies website for more information about the C3 Framework: [socialstudies.org/standards/c3](http://socialstudies.org/standards/c3)
SAMPLE SCENARIO
A K-5 classroom is in the middle of a multi-day unit on identity and is preparing for a lesson focused on Asian Americans.

The educator engages in structured or controlled inquiry to get students thinking about their interactions with or understanding of the Asian American (e.g., for example, by getting students to name or describe famous Asian Americans / Asian Americans with whom they are familiar).

Building on the classroom discussion, the educator divides the students into groups who will be tasked with reviewing materials covering a different notable Asian American figure (idea being that collectively the class discusses individuals representing different eras, industries, etc.) and sharing reflections on the individual experiences and contributions with the class.

Working with the students, the educator synthesizes key learnings – among them, the notion that the Asian American experience is diverse and nuanced, not monolithic – and encourages students to think about ways they might want to uplift and support Asian Americans in their communities (e.g., engaging with media with Asian American protagonists, trying Asian American foods, etc.).

SS.K.CV.1. With guidance and support, identify the roles of individuals and leaders and their responsibility to meet the needs of different people and communities.

SS.K-2.IS.7. Using various viewpoints, students will engage in reflective conversations to draw conclusions on inquiry findings and create action steps.
The educator asks the older cohort of students to trace the arc of Asian American immigration and to pinpoint major moments throughout history, as well as different reasons for or impediments to the immigration of different Asian American communities at different points in time.

Building on the classroom discussion, the educator divides the students into groups who will be tasked with reviewing materials covering a different notable Asian American figure (idea being that collectively the class discusses individuals representing different eras, industries, etc.) and sharing reflections on the individual experiences and contributions with the class.

Having worked through the nuances of Asian American immigration over time, students are encouraged to reflect on their own families / communities and form more informed opinions on immigration and the role immigrants play in shaping American life and progress.

SS.6-8.IS.8.LC. Analyze how a problem can manifest itself, identify the individuals and communities impacted by a problem, and address the challenges and opportunities faced by those trying to take action towards solutions

SS.6-8.G.6. Explain how environmental characteristics affect human migration and settlement
Making use of either guided or free inquiry, the educator nudge students towards reflecting on their existing understanding of American activism and collaborating on filling in gaps of knowledge, particularly with respect to less commonly discussed civil rights groups/movements.

Building on the classroom discussion, the educator divides the students into groups who will be tasked with reviewing materials covering a different notable Asian American figure (idea being that collectively the class discusses individuals representing different eras, industries, etc.) and sharing reflections on the individual experiences and contributions with the class.

With a more detailed understanding of the ways in which Asian Americans have been marginalized and how Asian Americans have fought for justice – both independently and alongside other marginalized groups – students will be better positioned to put contemporary issues into context and may be inspired to support movements and engage in coalition-building within their own communities.

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SS.9-12.CV.1. Distinguish between the rights, roles, powers, and responsibilities of individuals and institutions in the political system and analyze the marginalization of multiple groups and perspectives in that system.

SS.9-12.CV.8. Analyze the methods individuals can use to challenge laws to address a variety of public issues.
Suggested Approach to Using the Guide: Our hope is that TEAACH Act resources, which are anchored on the goals of the C3 Framework and an inquiry-based approach to social science, are leveraged. Importantly, even when isolated as a focus of discussion, it is paramount that students recognize how Asian American history is connected to and shapes the arc of American history overall. Tactically, we recommend that the resource guide, especially those linked in Section 1, be utilized as follows:

- **Step 1:** Identify the big picture themes/concepts/objectives of a given lesson and note the state-wide and district-specific standards aimed to be addressed.
- **Step 2:** Refer to the appropriate resource guide slides and isolate links that may be relevant based on content and grade level.
  - Note that many resources are listed as relevant to a broad range of grade levels; this is a judgment based on the topics addressed, meaning the way the resource is shared/presented may need to be adapted based on what is deemed appropriate for the learner group at hand.
- **Step 3:** Compile a list of relevant resources and adapt them for the learner group. Have the classroom engage with the Asian American history content in a manner centering student inquiry and the importance of drawing connections to the identified big picture themes/concepts/objectives.

Disclaimer: As a reminder, given district oversight of curriculum development, the provided resources are intended to guide learning experience development but are in no way required to be used. Furthermore, while some resources are already pre-built lesson plans that may require minor tweaks before use, others provide information that will need to be adapted to be suitable for use in different classrooms.
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• Education Pioneers
• Chicago Public Schools
• National Council for the Social Studies

FEEDBACK

ISBE firmly believes that educators will play an instrumental role in translating the TEAACH Act from well-meaning legislation into a catalyst for inclusive, inquiry-based instruction that considers the rich histories and perspectives of Asian American communities.

For this reason, ISBE would love to get your feedback on the guide and its constituent resources. Each update of the guide will incorporate your feedback and ensure that resources effectively capture the educator perspective.

Link to Feedback Form
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Understanding how diverse Asian American experiences influence identities, perspectives, and ideologies.

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<td>Filipino History and Experience</td>
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<td>artsandculture.google.com</td>
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<td>South Asian American Experiences</td>
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<td>ISBE</td>
<td>americanart.si.edu pitchfork.com restaurant.org</td>
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<td><strong>The Asian American Education Project</strong>: Three seminal court cases explore citizenship and racial identity and intuit race as a social construct.</td>
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Showcasing Asian American leaders across levels and sectors in the spirit of representation and to broaden perspectives on leadership. *(1 of 3)*

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<td>Social Justice Lawyer: Mia Yamamoto</td>
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**Relevant ISBE Standards**

SS.K.CV.1; SS.4.CV.1

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Highlighting Asian American activism through participation in social movements and legislation processes. (2 of 3)

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<td>More advanced lesson on Patsy Mink, the first Asian American to run for Congress.</td>
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<td>The Fight for School Desegregation by Asian Americans</td>
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<td>Lesson covering the story of the Mamie Tape, who was denied entry to a school for being Chinese American.</td>
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<td>Building Community Conscientiousness and Coalitions</td>
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<td>Lesson plan helping students understand the context of the 1992 L.A. civil unrest and the relationship between Korean and Black Americans.</td>
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<td>Philip Vera Cruz, Justice for Farm Workers</td>
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<td>Lesson plan unpacking the plight and social activism of Asian American farmworkers in California during the 20th century.</td>
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<td>South Asian American Activism</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>List of primary sources detailing the efforts of various South Asian American activists.</td>
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<td>Black and Asian American Solidarity</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Lesson plan touching on the birth of a collective Asian America, the history of Asian American activism, and the concepts of intersectionality and solidarity.</td>
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<td>Pew Center Asian American Factsheet</td>
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<td>Snapshot of demographic and economic data for Asian American communities by ethnicity and region of the United States.</td>
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<td>Asian American Immigration: Past and Present Obstacles to Citizenship</td>
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<td>Overview of the roadblocks faced by Asian American immigrants seeking citizenship throughout history.</td>
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<td>Racial Identity and American Citizenship in the Court</td>
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<td>Lesson plan anchored on three legal cases and their role in shaping American citizenship and racial identity in the law.</td>
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<td>South Asian Americans and Islamophobia</td>
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<td>Lesson plan touching on post-9/11 attitudes towards South Asian Americans and the ways in which local and global events contribute to xenophobia and Islamophobia.</td>
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<td>Systemic Racism against Asian Americans</td>
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<td>Lesson plan tackling the perpetual foreigner stereotype maintained by institutions against Asian American communities.</td>
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<td>Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965</td>
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<td>Lesson plan unpacking the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965 and how it impacted Asian Americans, and transformed the makeup of the American population.</td>
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<td>Asian Americans in the Age of Colonialism</td>
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<td>Lesson plans and discussion questions about specific moments and events in early America shaping Asian American history.</td>
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<td>Asian Americans Serving and Fighting in the Vietnam War</td>
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<td>Documentary and lesson plan focused on the racism and identity struggles faced by Asian American service members in Vietnam.</td>
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<td>McCarthyism and Asian Americans</td>
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<td>Lesson plan discussing McCarthyism, how it targeted Chinese Americans during the Korean War, and modern racial profiling.</td>
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<td>Asian Americans in Military Service during WWII</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Lesson plan describing the different ways diverse Asian American groups experienced World War II.</td>
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<td>Wong Kim Ark vs. US</td>
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<td>Lesson plan centered on the 14th Amendment and the Chinese Exclusion Act.</td>
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<td>Nationality Act of 1790</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Primary sources and questions encouraging a discussion of citizenship as a concept and access to citizenship over time.</td>
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<td>Page Act of 1875</td>
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<td>Overview of a legal policy that explicitly restricted Chinese immigration.</td>
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<td>Ozawa vs. United States</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Primary sources from legal proceedings underscoring historically inconsistent and exclusionary application of immigration laws to Asian Americans.</td>
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<td>Thind vs. United States</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Additional primary sources highlighting the arbitrary nature of citizenship laws and the notion of race as a social construct.</td>
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<td>Vincent Chin Legacy Guide</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Published in conjunction with the Vincent Chin 40th Remembrance &amp; Rededication, this guide provides historical context about Vincent Chin and how his legacy ignited the pan-Asian civil rights movement.</td>
<td>Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center</td>
<td><a href="http://www.vincentchin.org">www.vincentchin.org</a></td>
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## Economics & Financial Literacy

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

Clarifying the role Asia has played in globalization to link commerce to the formation of Asian American communities.

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<td><strong>Goods: Rice and Noodles</strong></td>
<td>K-5</td>
<td>Read aloud children's books bringing together communities through relationships with food.</td>
<td>AAAJ Chicago</td>
<td>youtube.com</td>
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<td><strong>Goods &amp; Services: Chicago Asian American Neighborhood</strong></td>
<td>K-5</td>
<td>News article sharing the history of Chicago's Asian American enclaves.</td>
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<td>wbez.org</td>
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<td><strong>Contribution of Chinese Transcontinental Railroad Workers</strong></td>
<td>5-12</td>
<td>Lesson plan emphasizing the major role Chinese laborers played in developing the Transcontinental Railroad.</td>
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<td><strong>Asian American Consumers</strong></td>
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<td>Nielsen report on the consumption preferences of Asian American communities.</td>
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<td>nielsen.com</td>
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<td><strong>Asian Americans Contributing to the High Tech Boom</strong></td>
<td>7-12</td>
<td>Lesson plan shedding light on the Silicon Valley high-tech boom spearheaded by Asian American entrepreneurs.</td>
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<td><strong>Asian American Banking</strong></td>
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<td>Brief history of Chinese American banking in Los Angeles.</td>
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<td>imdiversity.com</td>
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<td><strong>Demographic / Economic Data by Asian American Community</strong></td>
<td>6-12</td>
<td>Overview of major economic and financial indicators in the Asian American community.</td>
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Familiarizing students with the geography of Asia and Asian migration patterns forming Asian American diasporas.

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<td>Asia on the Map</td>
<td>K-5</td>
<td>Lesson plan inviting students to interact with maps, identify recognizable sites, and place their own homes in historical contexts.</td>
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<td><a href="http://loc.gov">loc.gov</a></td>
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<td>Asian American Immigrant Experience</td>
<td>K-12</td>
<td>Brief overview of the history of Asian American immigration.</td>
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<td><a href="http://asiasociety.org">asiasociety.org</a></td>
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<td>AA in Champaign-Urbana</td>
<td>K-12</td>
<td>Podcast interviewing 16 Asian American individuals with connections to Champaign-Urbana.</td>
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<td><a href="http://will.illinois.edu">will.illinois.edu</a></td>
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<td>Chinese and Japanese Immigration</td>
<td>6-12</td>
<td>Japanese and Chinese American immigration history, juxtaposed against immigration timelines from other groups.</td>
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<td>Southeast Asian Refugees</td>
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<td>Lesson plan examining Southeast Asian (Vietnamese, Cambodian, and Laotian) immigration during the 1960s and 1970s.</td>
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<td>Angel Island / Chinese Exclusion Act</td>
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<td>Lesson plan introducing Angel Island and how anti-Chinese sentiment led to the 1882 Chinese Exclusion Act.</td>
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<td>Early South Asian Immigration</td>
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<td>Lesson plan exploring how South Asian Muslims immigrated to America during the time of Asian exclusion.</td>
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<td>Luce-Cellar Act of 1946</td>
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<td>Summary of a law undermining Asian exclusion by extending naturalization rights and immigration quotas to Filipinos and Indians as wartime allies.</td>
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<td>South Asian Immigration to Illinois between 1945-1965</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Lesson plan built around oral histories of South Asian immigration to Illinois in the mid-20th century.</td>
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<td>Hart-Cellar Act and Mass Asian Immigration after 1965</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Overview of landmark legislation and establishing a new immigration policy based on reuniting families and attracting skilled labor to the United States.</td>
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<td>Korean Immigration</td>
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<td>Timeline and overview of major events influencing the development of Korean American communities.</td>
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# Learning Objectives

Developing a more nuanced understanding of America’s development through Asian American-centric historical timelines. (1 of 2)

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<td>List of major moments in Asian American history framed against broader domestic and global events.</td>
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<td>Asian American &amp; Pacific Islander Historical Timeline</td>
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<td>Detailed Asian American historical timeline capturing major events from 1610 to the present on a yearly basis.</td>
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<td><a href="http://stopaaphate.org">stopaaphate.org</a></td>
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<td>11 Moments from Asian American History That You Should Know</td>
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<td>Description of 11 seminal events in Asian American history handpicked by historians and experts on Asian American history.</td>
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<td>Asian American–Focused Historical Timeline</td>
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<td>Lesson plan emphasizing the fact that Asian American communities have and always will be an integral part of American history.</td>
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<td>A Different Asian American Timeline</td>
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<td>Comprehensive American history timeline and major themes viewed through the lens of the Asian American experience.</td>
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Unpacking major moments in Asian American history and their lasting effects on Asian American communities and experiences (2 of 2)

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<td>Chinese Massacre of 1871</td>
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<td>Lesson plan focused on the Los Angeles Chinatown Massacre of 1871 and examining attitudes towards Asian American communities at the time.</td>
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<td>Chinese Exclusion Act</td>
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<td>Lesson plan unpacking the Chinese Exclusion Act and encouraging discussion of current immigration policies.</td>
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<td>1904 World’s Fair and Exhibition of the Igorot People</td>
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<td>Lesson plan examining scientific anthropology and how it has been used to reinforce racism.</td>
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<td>1992 LA Civil Unrest</td>
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<td>Lesson plan investigating the factors leading to 1992 L.A. civil unrest and the relationship between Korean and Black Americans.</td>
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<td>Lesson tackling how the 1982 murder of Vincent Chin galvanized the Asian American community and resulted in increased Asian American visibility.</td>
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<td>Oyama vs. California</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Lesson plan leaning on two legal decisions to examine the civil liberties of Asian American communities and progress towards a more inclusive America.</td>
<td>AAAJ Chicago</td>
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<td>Japanese American Internment Primary Sources</td>
<td>9-12</td>
<td>Primary sources providing an intimate, nuanced account of the horrors of Japanese internment and the impact of the events on future generations.</td>
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Grades K-5

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*History • Human • Geography • Identity*

DESCRIPTION: Graphic novel portraying one family’s journey from war-torn Vietnam to America.

ISBN: 978-1419718786

Laxmi’s Mooch by Shelly Anand and Nabi Ali

*Identity*

DESCRIPTION: A body-positive picture book about a young Indian American girl and her journey to celebrate her heritage.

ISBN: 978-1984815651

Watercress by Andrea Wang and Jason Chin

*Human • Geography • Identity*

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*Identity*

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ISBN: 978-1984814869

It Began with a Page: How Gyo Fujikawa Drew the Way by Kyo Maclear and Julie Morstad

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DESCRIPTION: Picture book portraying the most moving moments in the life of groundbreaking Japanese American hero, Gyo Fujikawa.

ISBN: 978-0062447623

Unsettled by Reem Faruqi

*History • Human • Geography • Identity*

DESCRIPTION: Immigration story following a girl whose family moves from Pakistan to Georgia.

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The House that Lou Built by Mae Respicio

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