Asian American and Pacific Islander History

A short overview of AAPI History by Raphael Ofendo Reyes



16th Century

- 1565 The Manila galleon trade begins with Mexico.
- Filipinos on board a Spanish ship became the first documented Asians to set foot in the soon to be continental United States





18th Century



Filipino Manilamen establish communities near New Orleans.

1760's

1790's



South Asians settle on the East Coast and the first Chinese arrive in Hawaii.

19th Century

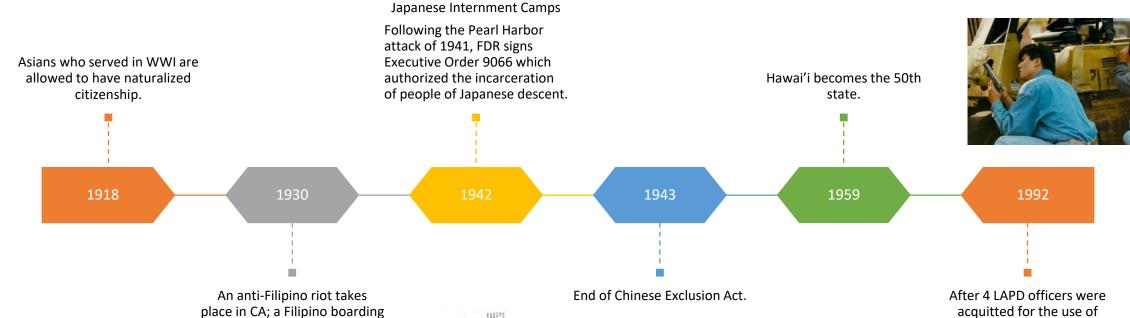


Chinese immigrants settle in New York and the East Coast.	Chinese students arrive in the US.	People v. Hall establishes that Chinese people cannot testify for or against Whites in court, and further classifies Asians as people of color.	Chinese and Mongolians are banned in California (law struck down in 1862).	A massacre of Chinese residents occurs in Los Angeles leaving approximately 21 dead.	Chinese people can now testify in court.	Chinese Exclusion Act Remains the only law in the US preventing a specific ethnic group from immigrating to the United States.	
1820's	1847	1854	1858	1871	1872	1882	

20th century

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acquitted for the use of excessive force in the beating and arrest of Rodney King, several riots took place in California disproportionately affecting Koreatown.

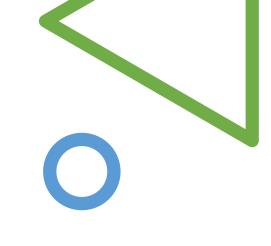
Chinese in Charleston

- 1700's "The Chinese Trade"
- 1870's to 1940's Chinese immigration convention brought Chinese labor to the South
 - First wave came to Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi as indentured servants on contracts.
 - First wave came to Charleston as entrepreneurs.
- 1800's the Chinese were considered "White" in Charleston according to various government documents
- Racial classifications are unclear but closely related to socioeconomic status and relation to Whites and Blacks





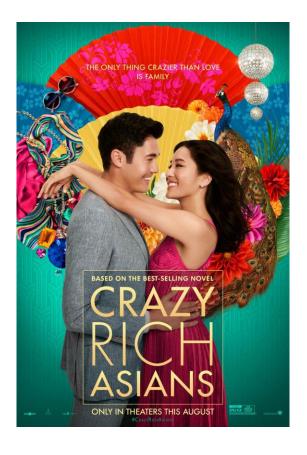






Modern Politics

- There are three Asian American / Pacific Islander U.S. Senators
 - Mazie Hirono Hawaii
 - Tammy Duckworth Illinois
 - Kamala Harris California
- There are thirteen 13 Representatives
 - Bobby Scott (VA); Doris Matsui (CA); Judy Chu (CA); Ami Bera (CA); Grace Meng (NY); Mark Takano (CA); Ted Lieu (CA); Pramila Jayapal (WA); Ro Khanna (CA); Raja Krishnamoorthi (IL); Stephanie Murphy (FL); TJ Cox (CA); and Andy Kim (NJ)



Modern Pop Culture







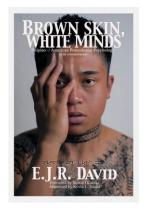






Why does this matter?

- Our mission
- Telling our own story
- Being a resource to Asian American / Pacific Islander communities



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