

Asian and Pacific Islander's Heritage and Contributions to Our Society

Introduction

Asian Americans come from a diversity of cultures, including Chinese, Japanese, and Vietnamese. They, too, have been subjected to racial prejudice.

The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882, for example, which was motivated by white workers blaming Chinese migrants for taking their jobs, resulted in the abrupt end of Chinese immigration and the segregation of Chinese already in America; this segregation resulted in the Chinatowns found in large cities.

Nevertheless, despite a difficult history, Asian Americans have earned the positive stereotype of the model minority. The model minority stereotype is applied to a minority group that is seen as reaching significant educational, professional, and socioeconomic levels without challenging the existing establishment.



Some People and Things You Should Know





Interesting facts

List some interesting facts about Asian Pacific Heritage Month. Here are a few examples:

- In 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a resolution designating May as Asian/Pacific Heritage Week.
- May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869.
- In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law.

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Arts and literature

Here are examples some contributors to the fields of art and literature that are attributed to Asian and Pacific Islanders .

- The writing of Amy Tan
- <u>The music of Yo-Yo Ma</u>
- The artwork of Yayoi Kusama

Research Articles:

Here is a list of some ways we can celebrate Asian Pacific Heritages:

- Discover Asian Pacific American artists
- Read Asian Pacific American authors
- Listen to Asian Pacific American Heritage musicians
- Learn Asian Pacific American Heritage history



You are now required to write an essay on the material provided. You may also do further research.

