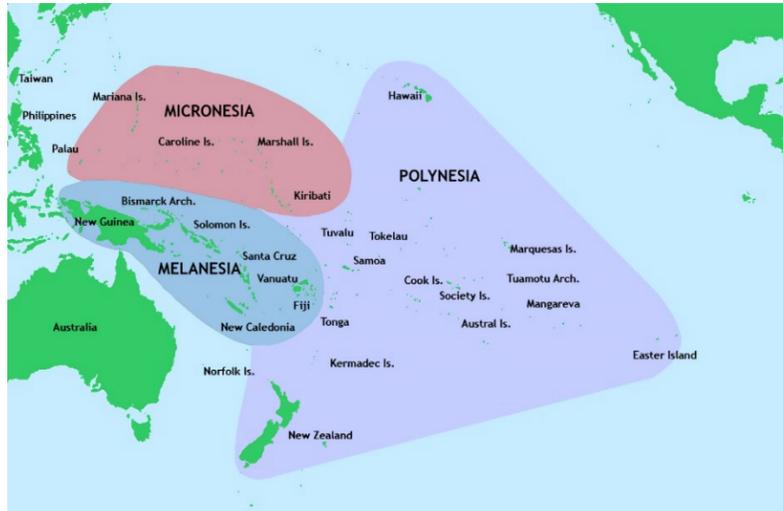




## Asian American and Pacific Islander History Month, May 2021: Observance Resources and Materials for Educators

### Reasons to Engage with this Resource Document:

1. To create a more comprehensive, factual, and honest understanding of the Asian American and Pacific Island-American communities
2. Dispel myths of the Asian American and Pacific Island-American people and culture
3. Celebrate the contributions, efforts, and accomplishments of the Asian American and Pacific Island-American people and culture

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<p><b>Northern Asia:</b> Russian Federation</p> <p><b>Western Asia:</b> Turkey, Azerbaijan, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, Jordan, Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Oman, Armenia, Cyprus, Georgia, Palestine</p> <p><b>Southeast Asia:</b> Laos, Hmong, Mien, Vietnam, Cambodia, Thailand, Myanmar (Burma), Malaysia, Philippines, Brunei</p> <p><b>South Asia:</b> Pakistan, Bangladesh, India, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal</p> <p><b>Central Asia:</b> Afghanistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan</p> <p><b>East Asia:</b> China, Japan, Mongolia, North Korea, South Korea, Taiwan -<a href="http://Asiasociety.org">Asiasociety.org</a></p>		<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pacific Islands</b></p> <p><b>Polynesia:</b> Hawaiian Islands, New Zealand, Easter Island, Samoan Islands, Cook Islands, French Polynesia, Niue Island, Tokelau and Tuvalu, Tonga, Wallis and Futuna, Rotuma Island, Pitcairn Island, Nukuoro, Kapingamarangi</p> <p><b>Micronesia:</b> Kiribati, Nauru, Guam, Marshall Islands, Palau, Federated States of Micronesia</p> <p><b>Melanesia:</b> New Guinea, Papua New Guinea, Western New Guinea, Maluku Island, Aru Islands, Kei Islands, Solomon Islands, New Caledonia and Loyalty Islands, Vanuatu, Fiji, Norfolk Island -<a href="https://en.wikipedia.org">Wikipedia</a></p>	

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Topic	Links to Reading Materials	Videos, Documentaries, and Television Series	Ted Talks and Podcasts
<p><b>Focus: General Asian-American Culture and History</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">America for Americans: A History of Xenophobia in the United States</a> by Erika Lee</li> <li>• <a href="#">From the Civil War to Civil Rights: The Many Ways Asian Americans Have Shaped the Country</a> by Smithsonian Magazine</li> <li>• <a href="#">Asian Americans Then and Now</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Background Reading on Asia</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">50 Years of the Voting Rights Act: An Asian American Perspective</a> by Terry Ao Minnis and Mee Moua</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">PBS Documentary: Asian Americans</a>: Asian Americans is a five-hour film series that delivers a bold, fresh perspective on a history that matters today, more than ever. As America becomes more diverse, and more divided while facing unimaginable challenges, how do we move forward together? Told through intimate personal stories, the series will cast a new lens on U.S. history and the ongoing role that Asian Americans have played.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Asian American Documentary Film Database</a>: This is a database of documentaries about Asian American topics, produced by Asian Americans. This resource is geared toward educators looking to screen a film in their classroom, student or community organizations looking to host a screening.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">David Huynh: Asian Enough?</a>(9m 17s): Asian-American actor, David Huynh, is working to bring awareness to the lack of Asian representation and visibility in film and theater. See more at <a href="http://www.david-huynh-actor.com/">http://www.david-huynh-actor.com/</a>.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Asian American History 101</a> by Gen and Ted Lai: “Asian American History 101 is a podcast co-hosted by Gen and Ted Lai, a daughter and father team. The podcast will entertain and educate people as Gen and Ted dive into the vast history of Asian Americans from their contributions to their struggles to their triumphs.”</li> <li>• <a href="#">Dear Asian Americans</a> by Just Like Media: “Dear Asian Americans is a podcast for and by Asian Americans, focusing on authentic storytelling rooted in origin, identity, and legacy. Host Jerry Won brings on guests from diverse backgrounds and career paths to celebrate, support, and inspire the Asian American community.”</li> <li>• <a href="#">But Where Are You Really From?: An Asian American Struggle</a> by Angela Lin and Jesse Lin: “Hosts and life-long best friends Angela Lin and Jesse Lin explore their identities as Asian-Americans through the lens of their first-generation upbringings and how those influences have shaped how they see the world and their place in it. Each episode explores a different topic of identity or common struggle, with many episodes featuring special guests from both the Asian &amp; broader POC communities bringing their unique perspectives.”</li> </ul>
<p><b>Focus: Present-Day Issues including racism and stereotypes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">How Asian Immigrants Learn Anti-Blackness from White Culture , and How to Stop It</a> by Jezzica Chung</li> <li>• <a href="#">Coronavirus outbreak stokes anti-Asian bigotry worldwide ...</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Why 'The China Virus' has Always Been a Part of U.S. History</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Two Out at Bellevue College After Mural Altered</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Native Hawaiians Again Seek Political Sovereignty with a New Constitution</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How the Story of "Moana" and Maui Holds Up Against Cultural Truths</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">This is a Reminder That Asian Americans Are Not All the Same</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Discrimination Against Asian Americans in History - YouTube</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">What Pacific Islanders Want You To Know - YouTube</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Exactly What You Need to Know About Pacific Islanders   The Tempest - YouTube</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Code Switch by NPR: <a href="#">When Fear of the Coronavirus Turns Into Racism and Xenophobia</a>: As international health agencies warn that COVID-19, or coronavirus, could become a pandemic, fears over the virus’s spread have activated old, racist suspicions toward Chinese and Chinese Americans. It’s part of a longer history in the United States, in which xenophobia has often been camouflaged as a concern for public health and hygiene.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Olivia Lai: Asian Doesn't Start With A+</a> (8m 12s): Asian Americans are often stereotyped as the 'model minority' and are seen as perfect students that are good at math, piano, and violin. Although these are positive stereotypes, Olivia Lai explores the negative consequences of these expectations and what we can do to alleviate pressures on Asian-American students.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Kelly Choi: Not Your Model Minority</a> (13m 56s): What do you think of when the term Asian American is mentioned? Perhaps you think successful, driven, crazy rich, but these stereotypes could not be more wrong. Grouping the Asian American experience into the model minority label trivializes and undermines the individual struggles and experiences each Asian American has gone through. Kelly discusses the lack of Asian American voices in activism and civic engagement and the changes that need to be made to ensure that Asian American voices are present in rooms where change is happening.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Why Asian Americans are not the Model Minority   Alice Li   TEDxVanderbiltUniversity - YouTube</a> (10m 35s) In this talk, Alice Li draws from research studies and her personal experiences to challenge the two-dimensional identity outlined by the model minority myth.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>(Continued) Focus: Present-Day Issues including racism and stereotypes</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Supporting Arab American Students in the Classroom</a> by Dr. Rania Saeb</li> <li>• <a href="#">Presently Invisible: The Arab Plight in American Classrooms</a> by Amanda Najib Ibrahim</li> <li>• <a href="#">Breathing Fire: Remembering Asian Pacific American Activism in Queer History</a> by Amy Sueyoshi</li> <li>• <a href="#">Jose Antonio Vargas on how Aspects of the Pandemic Mirror Struggles of Undocumented People</a> by Kimmy Yam</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Podcast) CodeSwitch from NPR: <a href="#">Screams and Silence</a> (March 23<sup>rd</sup> episode): Asians and Asian Americans have been trying to sound the alarm about a huge uptick in reports of racism directed at their communities. Many have felt like no one was listening.”</li> </ul>
<p><b>Focus: South Asia Culture and History</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Religions of South Asia</a> by Ann Murphy</li> <li>• <a href="#">Global Connections: The Middle East</a> by PBS</li> <li>• <a href="#">Arab and Middle Eastern Food</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">South Asian Art and Culture</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How Do People Still Not Get the Problem with 'The Simpsons' Character, Apu?</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Ugly Delicious</a>: Season 2, Episode 2: “Don’t Call it Curry” (Netflix) 50min; Admitting he’s clueless about Indian cuisine, Dave turns to Aziz Ansari and Padma Lakshmi for help and embarks on an eye-opening trip to Mumbai.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Western Music vs Arabic Music</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Cultural Patterns of South Asia</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Bhangra Pod</a>: Learn about authentic folk dance, technique, and culture, while <a href="#">hearing reviews</a> of dance competitions from around the world. Punjabi heritage is rooted in Bhangra, and much of the music industries origin comes from competition songs going viral in the late '90s to early 2000s...</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Butter Chicken Podcast</a>: <a href="#">This podcast</a>, hosted by <a href="#">DJ Sharad</a> and <a href="#">DJ Juicy</a>, is an “extra buttery” experience where culture, creation, and authenticity collide. This dynamic duo talks all things diversity straight out of the world’s melting pot, NYC. Complete with sound effects, co-signs and ingenuity, representation lives here.</li> <li>• <a href="#">My Message of Peace from Pakistan</a> TED Talk by Asher Hasan (2m 50s): One of a dozen Pakistanis who came to TEDIndia despite security hassles entering the country, TED Fellow Asher Hasan shows photos of ordinary Pakistanis that drive home a profound message for citizens of all nations: look beyond disputes, and see the humanity we share.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Photographing the Hidden Story</a>: TED Talk by Ryan Lobo (11m 01s): Ryan Lobo has traveled the world, taking photographs that tell stories of unusual human lives. IN this haunting talk, he reframes controversial subjects with empathy, so that we see the pain of a Liberian war criminal, the quiet strength of UN women peacekeepers, and the perseverance of Delhi’s underappreciated firefighters.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Focus: East Asia</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The Chinese Exclusion Act, Explained</a> by Teen Vogue</li> <li>• <a href="#">Chinese Immigration to the United States</a> by Library of Congress</li> <li>• <a href="#">Timeline of Chinese Immigration to the United States</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">A Brief History of Korean Americans in the United States</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">History of Korean Immigration to America: 1903 – Present</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Power of Words Handbook: A Guide to Language About Japanese Americans During WWII</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Injustice of Japanese-American Internment Camps Resonates Strongly to This Day</a> by Smithsonian Magazine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Escaping from North Korea in Search of Freedom   Yeonmi Park   One Young WorldU – YouTube</a> (8m 00s): Speech from Yeonmi Park telling her story of life in North Korea and calls for action against such human rights violators.</li> <li>• <a href="#">American Experience Films by PBS: The History of the Chinese Exclusion Act</a> (available on Amazon Prime Now Video)</li> <li>• <a href="#">Ugly Delicious: Season 1, Episode 7: “Fried Rice”</a> (on Netflix) 52 min: Forget fortune cookies and General Tso’s chicken: Secret menu items, local delicacies and a lobster volcano reveal the true range of Chinese cuisine.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Ugly History: Japanese American Incarceration Camps</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">American Concentration Camps</a> (5m 5s): Densho historical video of the World War II Japanese American incarceration.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">What I Learned About Freedom After Escaping North Korea</a>: “North Korea is unimaginable,” says human rights activist Yeonmi Park, who escaped the country at the age of 13. Sharing the harrowing story of her childhood, she reflects on the fragility of freedom – and shows how change can be achieved even in the world’s darkest places.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Asia In-Depth</a>: Understanding Asia has never been more vital – or more challenging. That’s why we talk to the people who know it best. The Asia In-Depth podcast brings you conversations with the world’s leading experts on politics, economics, and culture, providing incisive, illuminating coverage of stories that matter.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Korean American Center Language &amp; Culture Podcast</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Eat Your Kimchi</a>: Eat Your Kimchi on SBS PopAsia! Simon and Martina bring you all the latest on J-pop, K-pop, and Asian pop culture. They take you on adventures through Japan and Korea, diving in to the culture, tasting the food and learning a lot along the way.</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Sifu Mimi Chan Show</a>: Conversations with a multitude of diverse and interesting people from around the globe, that you may or may not have heard of, but each with a fascinating story to share. Topics include: social issues, pop culture, comics, martial arts, food, film, and anything inspiring and thought-provoking.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Why I Love the Country that Once Betrayed Me</a> TED Talk by George Takei</li> </ul>
<p><b>Western Asia</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">10 Things You Should Know About Arabs</a> by Aziz Kaddan</li> <li>• <a href="#">Most Interesting Facts to Know about the Arab Culture</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">7 Humanities: Middle Eastern Culture &amp; Civilization</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">This Teen is Transforming How His Peers See the Middle East</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">April is Arab American Heritage Month</a> by PBS: (times vary): The films featured here represent some of the millions of voices and diverse experiences of Arab Americans.</li> <li>• <a href="#">The Middle East Geopolitics Explained Simply</a> by LondonCityGirl (18m41s): This video gives the average person looking to understand more about what is going on in the Middle East a high level overview of the current geopolitical situation in that region and what led up to it.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Don’t Erase Me: The Modern Arab American</a> TED Talk by Jeremiah Stinnett (10m 3s): Jerry Stinnett talks about why Arab-American invisibility is an important issue and how universities can provide better resources for this growing group of individuals.</li> <li>• <a href="#">What it’s Like To Be a Muslim in America</a> TED Talk by Dalia Mogahed, (14m, 56s): When you look at Muslim scholar Dalia Mogahed, what do you see: A woman of faith? A scholar, a mom, a sister? Or an oppressed, brainwashed, potential terrorist? In this personal, powerful talk, Mogahed asks us, in this polarizing time, to fight negative perceptions of her faith in the media – and to choose empathy over prejudice.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Superheroes Inspired by Islam</a> TED Talk by Naif Al-Mutawa (16m 30s): In “THE 99,” Naif Al-Mutawa’s new generation of comic book heroes fight more than crime – they smash stereotypes and battle extremism. Named after the 99 attributes of Allah, his characters reinforce positive messages of Islam and cross cultures to create a new moral framework for confronting evil, even teaming up with the Justice League of America.</li> </ul>

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<p><b>Focus: Polynesia, Micronesia, and Melanesia</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Timeline of the History of Hawai'i</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">A Brief Overview of Hawai'i's History</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">The Struggle for Hawaiian Sovereignty: An Introduction</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">11 Things You May Not Know About Hawai'i and Native Hawai'i'ans</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Why Are Jason Mamoa and Other Native Hawai'ians Protesting a Telescope on Mauna Kea?</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Standing Above the Clouds</a>: Standing Above the Clouds follows Native Hawaiian mother-daughter activists as they stand to protect their sacred mountain Mauna Kea from the building of the world's largest telescope.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Wayfinders: A Pacific Odyssey</a>: The one-hour program sweeps viewers into a seafaring adventure with a community of Pacific Islanders as they build traditional sailing canoes, learn how to follow the stars across the ocean and embark on a 2,000-mile voyage in the wake of their ancestors. As with many indigenous peoples, the cultural identity of Polynesians has become obscured by western belief systems, history and economics. Filmmaker Gail Evenari focuses on the revival of one area of this deeply rooted culture – wayfinding – the art of navigating a canoe across long distances using only natural signs: the sun, the moon, the stars and the ocean swells. (56m 08s)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• (Podcast) <a href="#">Codeswitch from NPR: Saving a Language You're Learning to Speak</a> (March 9<sup>th</sup> episode): "Every two weeks, a language dies with its last speaker. That was almost the fate of the Hawaiian language –until a group of young people decided to create a strong community of Hawaiian speakers –as they were learning to speak it themselves."</li> <li>• <a href="#">Changing the Narrative – A New Pathway for the Pacific</a> TED Talk by Lagi Toribau (22m 38s): Lagi argues that the Pacific Island countries must change the narrative about being small island states. Rather, they are large ocean states who possess great untapped wealth and could one day be an oceanic superpower. His talk is distilled from 14 years experience overseeing national, regional and international projects, leading expeditions on numerous ship tours targeting legal and illegal overfishing, and documenting threats to the Pacific Ocean on Greenpeace ships including the Rainbow Warrior.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Tattoo and Tapa: Reclaiming Pacific Symbols</a>: TED Talk by Frances C. Koya Vaka'uta: Frances is a poet and artist passionate about the state of education and development in the Pacific. Her doctorate study explored the heritage art forms of tapa and tattooing in Samoa and Tonga as sites of knowing, learning being and becoming. Frances's talk encourages us to seriously consider the history and layers of meaning in the cultural motifs and symbols that surround us here in the Pacific.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Focus: Southeast Asia</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Introduction to Southeast Asia</a> by Barbara Watson Andaya</li> <li>• <a href="#">Central Themes for a Unit on Southeast Asia</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">120 Years After Philippine Independence from Spain, Hispanic Influence Remains</a> by Saleah Blancaflor</li> <li>• <a href="#">Post Colonial Religious Conflict in Southeast Asia</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">The History of Southeast Asia: Every Year</a> (YouTube) 6m26s: The History of Southeast Asia from the earliest Kingdoms in the 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE to 2017.</li> <li>• <a href="#">Every Grain of Rice</a> by Carol Nguyen: In this video essay, Vietnamese Canadian documentarian Carol Nguyen, tells an intergenerational story of her family through footage and crisp audio of food preparation. The resulting short documentary feels experimental, haunting and ephemeral, with moments that verge on ASMR.</li> <li>• <a href="#">NBC Asian American Presents: Deported</a>: This five-part documentary for NBC News follows the fight to end the deportation of Cambodian refugees. Each section of the series has a different focus, covering the grassroots movements fighting for refugee rights and the appeals process for families denied visitation rights after deportation, as well as telling the story of a family enduring forced separation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CodeSwitch from NPR: <a href="#">Why Are We Here?</a> (March 30<sup>th</sup> episode): "Filipinos make up a small fraction of the nurses in the United States, but almost a third of the nurses who have died of COVID-19 in the U.S. have been of Filipino descent. So what exactly is going on?"</li> <li>• (Podcast) Second Wave: <a href="#">My Family Fled Vietnam, Now I Might Go Back</a> (November 28, 2017) 21m 57s: What would it take to pack up your life and move to a new country? It's a question Thanh Tan's parents didn't have the luxury of asking when they fled...</li> <li>• <a href="#">Escaping the Khmer Rouge</a>: TED Fellow Sophal Ear shares the compelling story of his family's escape from Cambodia under the rule of the Khmer Rouge. He recounts his mother's cunning and determination to save her children.</li> </ul>

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Focus:  
Southeast  
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- **Street Food: Asia: Season 1, Episode 7: “Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam”** (Netflix 30m; Small and broken rice are staples of Ho Chi Minh City’s outdoorsy street food culture, which has been shaped by both history and family memory.
- **[Shadows of Empires | Inventing Southeast Asia | Insider](#)**: “Just because the imperial flags aren’t flying anymore, doesn’t mean that empire is over. Empire remains, but it remains in different forms.” In Channel NewsAsia’s “Inventing SoutheastAsia,” historian and political scientist Dr. Farish A Noor shows why he thinks Southeast Asians are still living in the long shadow of 19<sup>th</sup> century colonialism.

## Academic Resources and lesson Plans

Reminder: [Liz Kleinrock: How to Teach Kids to Talk About Taboo Topics](#) (12m 1s)

1. **Asian Americans K-12 Education Curriculum:** <https://advancingjustice-la.org/what-we-do/curriculum-lesson-plans/asian-americans-k-12-education-curriculum>: The Asian Americans K-12 Education Curriculum seeks to inspire a deeper understanding of the history, current experience, and future trajectory of our nation’s fastest-growing demographic group through relevant and engaging lessons plans and activities. Important content and themes explored in the series will be used to teach concepts while meeting national content standards.
2. **Asia for Educators:** <http://afe.easia.columbia.edu/>: A resource site for teachers developed by Columbia University’s East Asian Curriculum Project (EACP), a national initiative devoted to supporting education on Asia at the secondary and elementary levels. Focusing primarily on China and Japan, the site features teaching units, lesson plans, primary-source readings, resource lists, bibliographies, and more.
3. **Asian Pacific Heritage:** <https://asianpacificheritage.gov/for-teachers>: Put the power of primary sources to work in the classroom. Browse ready-to-use lesson plans, student activities, collection guides and research aids. Includes curated resources from The Library of Congress, National Archives, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, and Smithsonian Institution.
4. **Postcards from Asia, a podcast from the Center for East Asian Studies at the University of Kansas:** <http://ceas.ku.edu/postcards-asia>: Sixty-second podcasts that will encourage students and teachers to learn more about the quirkiest aspects of life in China, Japan, Korea and Mongolia.
5. **[Classroom Resources | Learning for Justice](#)** Learning for Justice (formerly Teaching Tolerance) has a collection of classroom resources designed to be used in the classroom on a variety of topics. Included are grade-level specific, searchable lessons about the AAPI experience both from a historical and current perspective.
6. **[Facing History and Ourselves](#)** Facing History is a site that contains many lesson plans including AAPI focused topics. An example of a lesson is “Combating the Erasure of API Experiences and Anti-API Violence.” The database of lessons is searchable.
7. **[The Japanese American Experience](#)** Full curriculum from the Japanese American Citizens League (JACL)

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## Supplemental Materials for Social Studies Units From the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center

Smithsonian APA's Learning Together page was launched in 2019 to connect the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center's programs, curatorial expertise, and community anniversaries with K12 teachers across the country. This page serves as an online venue for educational content featuring interviews with AAPI community experts and members, links to community-created educational resources, book recommendations, classroom discussion ideas, and more. [Content to Complement Social Studies Units:](#)

- **We Are Not a Stereotype** <https://smithsonianapa.org/learn/not-a-stereotype/>
  - An educational video series for educators, by educators. This series includes 40-60 minute talks breaking down various topics in Asian Pacific American histories that question and challenge what it means to be accepted as American. The content is for educators as they plan history, social studies and civics lessons. The videos can be shared with students in Grades 6-8, 9-12, and in higher education classrooms.
- **Our Stories** <https://smithsonianapa.org/stories/>
  - A portal about the Our Stories Digital Storytelling Initiative that supports the dissemination and perpetuation of Native Hawaiian and Pacific Island cultures through the media arts. The content in this portal can be used to modify units about Hawaiian Kingdom history, US history, and Media Arts activities for Grades 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.
- **Japanese American World War II Experience** <https://nationalveteransnetwork.com/resources-for-researchers-educators/>  
In partnership with the National Veterans Network, elementary and middle school activities about the Nisei veteran experience during World War II. Both resources include activities for students about everyday life in America's concentration camps. These activities can be used in units about US history, Civics, World War II history, and activities meant to build empathy, for Grades 2-5, 6-8.
- **Queens of Hawaii** <https://smithsonianapa.org/learn/learn-archives/03-2019/>
  - A Learning Together feature about Queen Kapi'olani, Queen Lili'uokalani, and the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom. This content can be modified to fit units about Hawaiian Kingdom history, US history and Activism, for Grades 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.
- **Little Syria & Arab American History** <https://smithsonianapa.org/learn/learn-archives/04-2019/>
  - A Learning Together feature about the Little Syria neighborhood in New York City from 1880-1940, and immigration from Greater Syria to the US. This content can be modified to fit units about US history, Immigration and Migration and Ellis Island for Grades 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.
- **Chinese Laborers on the Transcontinental Railroad** <https://smithsonianapa.org/learn/learn-archives/05-2019/>
  - A Learning Together feature about the legacy of the transcontinental railroad and labor of Chinese immigrants. This content can be modified to fit units about US history, Immigration and Migration and the Chinese Exclusion Act, for Grades 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12.
- **Filipino American History** <https://smithsonianapa.org/learn/learn-archives/10-2019/>
  - A Learning Together feature about the importance of Filipino American history as a vital part of understanding American history. This content can be modified to fit units about US history, Spanish-American War, Philippine-American War, Immigration and Migration, Activism and Labor Movements, for Grades 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.
- **War, Migration, and the Environment** <https://smithsonianapa.org/learn/learn-archives/04-2020/>
  - A Learning Together feature reflecting on the 45th anniversary of the Fall of Saigon through the intersections of war, migration and the environment. This content can be modified to fit units about US history, Vietnam War, Southeast Asian History, Pacific Islands History and Military Expansion in the Pacific, for Grades 9-12.

### Activists

- [Dr. Feng-Shan Ho](#), Humanitarian
- [Dalip Singh Saund](#)
- [Chinese Immigrants and the Transcontinental Railroad](#)
- [Steven Chu](#), Nobel Prize Winner
- [Maya Lin](#), Artist
- [Patsy Takemoto Mink](#), Congresswoman of Hawaii
- [Kalpana Chawla](#), Astronaut
- [Cecilia Chung](#), Transgender Rights Activist
- [Fred T. Korematsu](#) Civil Rights Activist

### Intersectionality & AAPI Excellence

- [Breathing Fire: Remembering Asian Pacific American Activism in Queer History](#)
- [George Takei](#)
- Margaret Cho
- [Manvendra Singh Gohil](#)
- [Kim Coco Iwamoto](#)
- [B.D. Wong](#)
- [Cecilia Chung](#)
- [Vikram Seth](#) Hayley Kiyoko

### Support

- [Japanese American Citizens League \(JACL\)](#)
- [Japanese American National Museum](#)
- [National Association of Korean Americans](#)
- [Chinese American Museum, Los Angeles](#)
- [Stop AAPI Hate](#)
- [Training to Stop Anti-Asian and Asian American/Xenophobic Harassment](#)
- [Asian Americans Advancing Justice](#)
- [AAPI Women Lead](#)
- [Arab American National Museum](#)

**Note:** Teachers and principals often use their professional judgement to utilize supplemental curricula materials, *however, it is important to remember that websites and social media resources that encourage donations should not be provided to students and families.* The following are resources to support learning around equity and anti-racism. These resources are intended for professional learning and personal growth. Please consider that each resource has a specific context and purpose. Supplemental curricula should always be discussed and approved in collaboration with school administration.