The Yick Wo Case ~ The Equal Protection Clause (14th Amendment)

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As you watch the program, answer the following questions.

1. According to Justice Anthony Kennedy, what are in "law books"?

2. Why did so many Chinese come to the US in the 1840s? Where did they settle?

3. Which American city hosts the largest "Chinatown"?

4. What were the Exclusion Acts? What did they do?

5. Give some examples of laws passed in San Francisco which made life difficult for Chinese immigrants.

6. Why did the San Francisco Board of Supervisors target the laundry industry?

7. Why was the passage of the 14th Amendment so important? How was it applied in the Yick Wo Case?

8. In your opinion, why was the Yick Wo Case important?

9. According to the law, how would you define "arbitrary"?

10. How many times has the Yick Wo Case been sited by the Supreme Court in other decisions? Why so many times?