

# Unveiling the Hidden History: Asians in America Before 1900



For far too long, the contributions of Asian Americans to the United States have been largely obscured from history books. However, the groundbreaking book "Asians In America Before 1900" by Erika Lee and Judy Yung sheds light on this forgotten chapter, revealing the vibrant and multifaceted lives of Asians who shaped the American tapestry before the turn of the 20th century.

Through meticulous research and captivating storytelling, the authors paint a vivid picture of the diverse group of Asians who migrated to America

during this era. From Chinese laborers who built railroads and worked in mines to Japanese farmers and Filipino pearl divers, these individuals left an enduring mark on American society and culture.



## Asian American History for Kids: Asians in America before 1900 by Omotayo Adesanya

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## Chinese Immigrants: Pioneers of the American West

The largest group of Asian immigrants to arrive in America before 1900 were the Chinese. Driven by poverty and political upheaval in their homeland, they crossed the Pacific in search of a better life.

Chinese immigrants played a pivotal role in the development of the American West. They labored alongside Irish and German immigrants to build the transcontinental railroad, a feat that transformed transportation and trade in the United States. They also formed thriving communities in cities like San Francisco and Los Angeles, establishing businesses, schools, and cultural institutions.



## **Japanese Farmers: Cultivating the Golden State**

Japanese immigrants began arriving in the United States in the late 19th century, primarily settling in California. They became skilled farmers, transforming barren land into some of the most productive agricultural regions in the United States.

Japanese immigrants developed innovative farming techniques, such as intensive cultivation and irrigation. They introduced new crops to America, including strawberries, spinach, and asparagus. Their contributions to California's agricultural industry had a profound impact on the American diet and economy.



## **Filipino Pearl Divers: Risking Their Lives for Treasure**

Filipinos were another significant group of Asian immigrants to arrive in America before 1900. Many of them worked as pearl divers in the dangerous waters off the coast of California. This perilous occupation required divers to descend to depths of up to 100 feet, risking their lives for the chance to find valuable pearls.

Filipino pearl divers played a vital role in the American pearl industry. Their skills and bravery allowed for the extraction of millions of dollars worth of pearls, which were used to adorn the jewelry of wealthy Americans and Europeans.



## **Beyond the Stereotypes: Asians in American Society**

"Asians In America Before 1900" challenges the stereotypical portrayal of Asian immigrants as passive and subservient. Instead, the authors reveal the agency, resilience, and diversity of these individuals.

Asian immigrants formed their own communities and institutions, where they preserved their cultural heritage and supported each other. They established schools, newspapers, and businesses that catered to their unique needs and aspirations.

Moreover, Asian immigrants actively participated in American politics and society. They fought for labor rights, civil rights, and the right to vote. Their

contributions to the American workforce, culture, and political landscape should not be underestimated.

## A Call to Recognize and Celebrate

"Asians In America Before 1900" is a groundbreaking work that sheds light on a neglected chapter of American history. It is a call to recognize and celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans, who have played an integral role in shaping the United States from its earliest days.

By understanding the experiences of these early Asian immigrants, we can gain a deeper appreciation for the diversity and resilience of the American people. Their stories remind us that the United States has always been a nation of immigrants, and that the contributions of all Americans, regardless of their background or origin, have made this country great.

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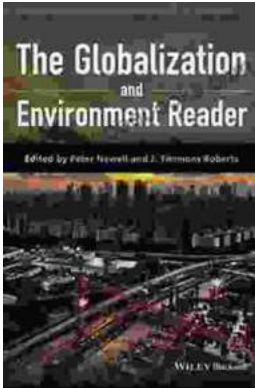
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