



Asian Pacific American Heritage Month 2005 Biography Contest for 4th & 5th Grades

Many Asian Pacific Americans have made contributions in literature, art, music, science, architecture and sports. During Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May 2005, we would like to offer your students an opportunity to learn about these individuals.

The Chinese Historical Society of America (CHSA) invites you and your students to participate in our APA Biography Contest. Students are invited to read a short biography of a person they select and then **adapt, rewrite in their own words, and illustrate the biography.** We invite each class to submit three entries to the CHSA Contest. Every student who participates will receive a CHSA certificate of participation. Students with winning entries will be recognized and will receive a prize. Sterling Bank & Trust proudly supports CHSA's Asian Pacific American Heritage Month programming.

Contest Guidelines & Rules

1. Read a biography of a prominent Asian Pacific American. (See attached list for suggestions.) Source materials may include: *Asian American Biography* (Helen Zia and Susan B. Gall), publications such as magazines, newspapers, journals, and internet sites. Students may contact the CHSA for access to the Reading Room, which contains extensive further resources.
2. Rewrite or summarize the selected biography.
3. Produce an illustration of the selected person.
4. Format: **2 sheets (one side only, please) of 8.5" by 11" paper**

Page 1 – Biography:

Include name of individual, life span, occupation.

Describe who the person is and what the person did. Instead of rewriting that person's entire life story, just focus on what makes that person interesting. These might include challenges the person faced, how these challenges were met and the accomplishments of that person. Students may also write about what they admire most or why they decided to choose that person.

Page 2 – Illustration:

Hand-draw a picture of the person. Students may use crayons, colored pencils, watercolors, etc., or may create a collage or do a pencil sketch.

5. Submit entries (three maximum) from each participating class by Friday, May 20, 2005:

Chinese Historical Society of America
Attn: APA Biography Contest
965 Clay Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

All entries become the property of CHSA and will not be returned.

For more information, please contact Leonard Shek, Program Coordinator:
(415) 391-1188 x 107 or apabiocontest@chsa.org.

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Submission Form for Biography Contest Entry
(please attach one to each submission)

Name of Student: _____

Name of School: _____

Room Number: _____ Grade: _____

Title of Biography:

Teacher's Name:

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Prominent Asian Pacific Americans *

Acting/Movies/Dance

Maniya Barredo, dancer
Dean Cain, actor
Dong Chiang, art/special effects director
Margaret Cho, comedian
Nancy Kwan, actress
Ang Lee, director
Bruce Lee, actor
Lucy Liu, actress
Mako, actor
Pat Morita, actor

Ming Na, actress
Haing S. Ngor, actor, physician
George Takei, actor
Keanu Reeves, actor
Lea Salonga, actor, singer
Rob Schneider, actor
Wayne Wang, director
Anna May Wong, actress
B.D. Wong, actor
Victor Wong, actor

Artists

Ruth Asawa
Bernice Bing
Wah Ming Chang
Benjamin Chinn
Taniyuki Dan Harada
Dale Joe
Dong Kingman, artist
James Leong
James Yeh-jau Liu
George Miyasaki
Johsel Namkung
Arthur Okamura
Mine Okubo

Tadashi Sato
Kay Sekimachi
Geore Tsutakawa
Tseng Yuho
Carlos Villa
C.C.Wang
Anna Wu Weakland
Charles Wong
Jade Snow Wong, ceramicist
Martin Wong
Nanying Stella Wong
Tyrus Wong
Gary Woo

Architecture

Maya Lin, architect and sculptor
Isam Noguchi, architect and sculptor
Gyo Obata, architect of Pacific Bell Park,
home of SF Giants
I.M. Pei, architect

Business

Rocky Aoki, founder of Benihana
restaurants
Kavelle R. Bajaj, business
Phyllis Campbell, banker
Andrea Jung, Avon
Tom Matano, auto designer
Jenny Ming, Old Navy
William Mow, Bugle Boy Industries.
Jerry Yang, Yahoo

Dress and Set Design/Clothing

Willa Kim, costume designer
Ming Cho Lee, set designer
Josie Natori, fashion designer
Anna Sui, fashion designer
Vivienne Tam, fashion designer
Vera Wang, fashion designer

* This list is not exhaustive. CHSA encourages your students to seek out other individuals beyond those listed here!

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Music

Toshiko Akiyoshi, jazz musician
Sarah Chang, violinist
James Iha, guitarist, Smashing Pumpkins
Jahja Lin, conductor
Yo-Yo Ma, cellist
Zubin Mehta, conductor
Midori, violinist
Todd Park Mohr, songwriter, Big Head
Todd

News and Journalism

Connie Chung, television journalist
Paul Kuroda, photojournalist
Yoichi R. Okamoto, photojournalist
Dith Pran, journalist

Politics/Activism

Daniel K. Akaka, politician
George Ariyoshi, politician
Elaine Chao, Labor Secretary
Daniel K. Inouye, U.S. senator
March Fong Eu, politician, ambassador
Hiram Fong, U.S. senator
Fred T. Korematsu, draft resister
Fred H. Lau, former SF Chief of Police

Gordon J. Lau
Gary Locke, Governor, State of Washington
Robert Matsui, U.S. Congress
Dale Minami, attorney
Patsy Mink, U.S. congress
Norman Y. Mineta, Transportation Secretary
Irene Natividad, activist
S.B. Woo

Science

Subrahmanyam Chandrasekhar, astrophysicist
David D. Ho, Medical doctor, AIDS researcher
Tsung Dao Lee, theoretical physicist
Yuan T. Lee, Chemist, Nobel Prize winner
Arati Prabhakar, scientist
Ellison Onizuka, astronaut
Willan Shao Chang Chen, engineer, retired military officer
Ed Lu

Sports

Michael Chang, tennis player
Eugene Chung, football player
Roman Gabriel, football player
Wendell Kim, baseball coach
Tommy Kono, Olympic weight lifter
Michelle Kwan, ice skater
Sammy Lee, diver

Greg Louganis, diver
Yao Ming, basketball player
Chan Ho Park, baseball player
Jhoon Rhee, martial artist
Junior Seau, football player
Tiger Woods, golfer
Kristi Yamaguchi, ice skater

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Writers

Jose Aruego, illustrator/writer
Carlos Bulosan, writer
Iris Chang, writer
Ben Fong-Torres, writer
David Henry Hwang, playwright
Maxine Hong Kingston, writer
Rose Hum Lee, writer
Gus Lee, writer
Bette Bao Lord, writer
Sonny Mehta, book publisher
Allen Say, writer/illustrator
Lisa See, writer
Amy Tan, writer
Sandra Tsing Loh, writer/performer
Yoshiko Uchida, writer
Laurence Yep, writer