



# THE YEAR OF TEAACH

**ASIAN AMERICAN HISTORY  
IS AMERICAN HISTORY**

In 2021, Illinois passed the Teaching Equitable Asian American Community History (TEAACH) Act. Illinois is the first state in the nation to require Asian American history in all public schools.

After a devastating two years of anti-Asian hate and violence, we believe the best response is education.

Help us ensure that all Illinoisans understand that Asian American history is American History.

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# ASIAN AMERICAN EARLY IMMIGRATION

## **1790: The Naturalization Act**

Only an “alien, being a free white person,” can apply for citizenship.

## **1882: The Chinese Exclusion Act**

Bans immigration from China.

## **1910: Angel Island Opens**

The major port of entry for Asian immigrants on the West coast.

## **1917: Asiatic Barred Zone Act**

Immigration exclusion expanded to all of Asia and the Pacific Islands.

## **1934: Tiding's McDuffie Act**

As the Philippines transitions from a U.S. colony to an independent country, Filipino U.S. nationals lose their status.

## **1952: McCarran-Walter Act**

Abolishes the "alien ineligible to citizenship" category, which in practice only applied to people of Asian descent.

## **1965: Hart-Celler Act**

Abolishes national origin quotas and establishes a family reunification clause.

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