



# 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 LABOR MOVEMENT

## **1867: The Central Pacific Strike**

Over 2,000 Chinese workers strike for a week demanding better working conditions and equal pay.

## **Early 1900s: Hawaii Plantation Strikes**

Strikes by Japanese and Filipino workers for better wages and housing.

## **1965-1970: Delano, CA Grape Strike**

Filipino farm workers (Agricultural Workers Organizing Committee) strike over poor pay and working conditions. Supported by Cesar Chavez (National Farm Workers Association) this is the first of many acts of solidarity.

## **1982: NY Garment Workers Strike**

Over 20,000 mostly Chinese women garment workers rally and win strike in New York's Chinatown.

## **1995: El Monte, CA Garment Workers**

72 Thai nationals held as forced labor becomes one of the first modern-day slavery case in the U.S.

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