

5. Golden Mountain: Chinese Immigration to the US

Course #4656

Spring 2015

Course

Rationale: Historically, the challenges of immigration, citizenship, and belonging have molded both the Chinese American experience and the development of America as a nation. In recent years, China's steady rise in economic and political influence has reshaped international politics and intensified interest in building connections at all levels between the U.S. and China. The growth in the Chinese community in Scarsdale and the wider New York area as well as the adoption of Mandarin language programs and exchange programs further reflect these changes locally. This course will foster a greater understanding of the history and culture of China and Chinese Americans, and help teachers better appreciate the immigration experience of a growing segment of the community.

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Description: Participants will explore the history, art, language and culture of people of Chinese descent in the United States. Through hands-on activities, site visits and document-based discussions, teachers will be able to incorporate a range of new interdisciplinary resources to their classrooms. Friday evening's workshop will give participants an opportunity to learn basic Chinese phrases, examine the historical the push/pull factors of Chinese immigration, and probe recent controversies surrounding stereotypes and identity. Discussion will continue Saturday at the exhibit *Chinese American: Exclusion/Inclusion* at the New York Historical Society and during a Chinatown field study led by educational outreach specialists from the Museum of Chinese in America.

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Requirements:

1. Attend all sessions
2. Complete assigned readings.
3. Develop a classroom application of course content.

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Coordinators: Kendra Claussen, Teacher, Scarsdale High School
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Speakers: Educational Outreach Staff, New York Historical Society and the Museum of Chinese in America

Materials

Fee: To be determined

Open to: All

Time: 3:30-7:30pm, Friday, Mar 13
8:30am-4:30pm, Saturday, Mar 14

Location: SHS 3N4, New York Historical Society and Museum of Chinese in America

Credit: One point salary credit or stipend