

Shared Stories Family History Timeline

1882	1906	1940s	1943	1952	1954	1950s/60s	1963	1965	1968	1969	1970s	1975	1976	1970s/80s	1981	1982	1983	1985	1986	1987	1989	1991	1992	1995	1996	2000	2001-9	2006	2008	2009	2010
Chinese Exclusion Act: eliminated immigration of Chinese laborers. It, along with the restrictions that followed it, froze the Chinese community in place in 1882, and prevented it from growing and assimilating into U.S. society.	SF earthquake destroyed City Hall and the Hall of Records. Many immigrants (known as "paper sons") later claimed that they had familial ties to resident Chinese-American citizens, allowing them to come illegally to the US.	T.L.'s grandparents came to the USA (Hawaii). Their first jobs were on a coffee farm.	Repeal of Exclusion Act: The Chinese Exclusion Act was repealed for political reasons because the Chinese became an ally of the United States during WWII. Since the Chinese were viewed as allies now, the American government wanted to keep sentiments between the two countries high, so the Act was repealed, and Angel Island no longer remained a detention center for Chinese immigrants.	The McCarran-Walter Immigration and Nationality Act: Passed over President Harry Truman's veto, allows immigration from Japan and other Asian countries, setting a quota of 105 immigrants per Asian country.	Father and uncles move to DR. (LS)	Friends of family moves to the US. (BN)	J.L.'s mother is born.	Immigration Act eliminated quotas for immigration from Asian countries. The law allowed families to sponsor family members (reunification). It contributed to formation of ethnic enclaves, like Chinatown, and led to a wave of immigration from Asia.	My father comes to the US. He works as a cook. (LS)	My father was born. (MS)	First person in my father's family to graduate from college (in Education). (TL)	Parents came to the US. (BN)	Parents' first job in US (jewelry maker/cook). (BN)	Event 1: My grandmother's sister got accepted to study abroad in the US. My grandma immigrate my two older uncles, one older aunt, my dad and one younger aunt. (ST)	My grandpa comes to the US sponsored by his younger sister. (TZ)	Uncle Lin immigrate to Brooklyn, NY. (YL)	{1} My father comes to the United States. (TZ) {2} My father is employed in his first job as a dish washer. He is fired the same day. (TZ)	B.N. born on October 12th/came to the US.	{1} My parents get married. My mother comes to the US. (TZ) {2} My mother is employed as a garment worker on her first day in the US. (TZ)	{1} I am born in NYC. (LS) {2} Born on October 21st. (YL) {3} May 26th, T. Z. is BORN. {4} January 14th, T.L. was BORN!	{1} S.C. was born. {2} My dad came to the US in March/April of 1989; dad's first job: cook. (ST)	{1} J.L. born. {2} September 4th, my birthday. (AF)	Voting Rights Language Assistance Act: Requires bilingual voting materials if more than five percent of the citizens of a state speak a language other than English.	{1} 9/20, I am born. (ST) {2} I was born on October 8th. (MS)	First member of our family to graduate from college. (LS)	{1} J.L.'s mother went to the US. {2} Came to the US on 3/8 with my mom. Mom's first job: tailor. (ST) {3} When my mom won the DV lottery. Due to this lottery, we came here. (AF) {4} July 9th, my dad's arrival in the US. (AF) {5} My dad's first job at a restaurant. (AF)	The Dream Act is proposed in the Senate. This bill would provide conditional permanent residency to certain illegal and deportable alien students who graduate from US high schools, who are of good moral character, arrived in the U.S. illegally as minors, and have been in the country continuously for at least five years prior to the bill's enactment.	{1} March 3rd, NYC (JFK). Family Reunion. (YL) {2} 2006 or 2007, my dad came to the US. His first job was a construction worker (illegal). (MS) {3} March 4th- Y.L. goes to high school, her parents start to work in NJ. {4} November 28th- Thanksgiving, the first day all my family members are showing up. (YL) {5} My mother got first job as a paramedic. (SC) {6} T.L. moves from Hawaii to NYC. {7} It was the first time J.L.'s mother came back to China. {8} Event 2: In May, my mom passed the citizenship test. (ST) {9} My parents came to America. (SC)	{1} M.S. comes to the US. {2} 6/18, I moved to America. (SC)	{1} J.L. came to the US. {2} August, 29th, I came to the US. (AF) {3} The only time my parents, sister and I went back to China. (SC)	I got out of ESL. (MS)