

Chinese Culture

Timeline

***2100-1600 B.C.**

Chinese history begins with the Xia Dynasty, the 1st dynasty in China.

***770 B.C.**

A key period in Chinese Civilization, the age of Confucius, Daoism, and legalism, marked by war and advances in philosophy, science, agriculture, and literature.

***1882**

The Chinese Exclusion Act was the first and only law to essentially forbid an entire ethnic group from entering the United States.

***1990**

President George H. W. Bush designates May as Asian American month.

***11/17/2022**

Sherry Chen, a Chinese American hydrologist, won a settlement of \$1.8M against the U.S. government for wrongful prosecution & dismissal from her job at the National Weather Service.



Eric Yuan



Vera Wang



Gary Locke



Xiong Yan



Bowen Yang

Terms

Hanzi

Mandarin Chinese characters elevated to art through calligraphy; also popular as decoration on clothing, artwork, & tattoos.

Feng Shui

Ancient Chinese art of arranging space, buildings, & objects in an environment to achieve harmony & balance.

Hongbao (Mandarin) or Lai See (Cantonese)

Red envelopes with money symbolizing best wishes & good luck traditionally given to friends & family for celebrations, most familiarly Lunar New Year.

Jade

A stone popularly used in jewelry and art as a symbol of prosperity, preciousness, beauty among other meanings.

Dim Sum

Comes from the Cantonese tim sam, "appetizer," or literally, "touch the heart." Small portions designed to merely touch the heart not satisfy a full appetite. Snacks usually served with tea.



Action

- Share our Infographic.
- Commit to a weekly act that helps you understand Chinese culture.
- Visit an Chinese-American Museum or Buddhist temple, immerse yourself in a local Chinatown, or watch a documentary about Chinese experiences.
- Don't assume everyone who looks Asian is foreign born and avoid asking, "where are you from?"
- Learn the names of famous American celebrities of Chinese descent like Bowen Yang & Awkwafina.

Statistics

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Kung Fu traditionally did not have belt levels. Modern Kung Fu now often includes ten belt levels.

20%

of all Chinese/English Dual Language Immersion Programs in the United States are in Utah.

3.5 million

households in the United States speak Chinese at home.

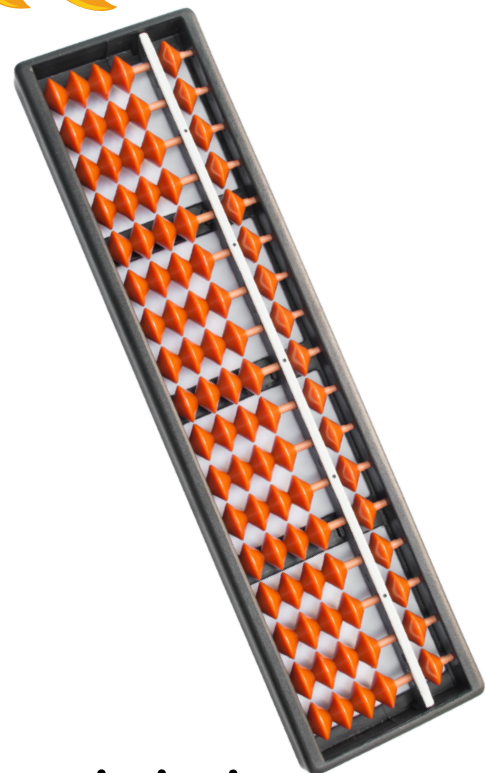
77%

increase in hate crimes against Asian people living in the U.S. from 2019 to 2020 documented by the FBI. From 3/2020 - 3/2022 the # of self-reported anti-AAPI hate incidents in the U.S. was

11,500

40-100

different methods of Chinese cooking. The 8 most popular are Anhui, Cantonese, Fujian, Hunan, Jiangsu, Shandong, Szechuan, & Zhejiang.



Values

Harmony

Filial Piety

Benevolence

Confucianism

Collectivism

