

# AMH2097- Final Study Guide

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## Chinese-American Lecture:

- Chinatown, San Francisco, CA
  - Location of the Chinese Immigrants
  - Ethnic Enclave
- Coolies—“Hard Labor”
  - Jobs reinforce stereotypes
  - Gold Miners
    - Foreign miners Tax 1852
      - Chinese are taxed for working \$3-\$6/month
    - Since Chinese are not allowed to buy land, they work for others
    - When working in mines, Chinese are accused of stealing
      - Start strip search/cavity searching
    - White price for gold vs. Chinese price for gold
      - White gold is 50% higher than Chinese price
- “Feminine Jobs”
  - Domestics
    - Reinforce stereotypes
    - Making clothes
    - Washing clothes
    - Make food
- Other jobs included:
  - Businesses
  - Fisherman
- Transcontinental Railroad
  - Lighters
    - People who light the fuse
    - Get paid before they got to the mountain
    - Most deadly job at time
- Migrant Farm Work
  - Do not own land
  - Move from farm to farm to farm
  - Constant job for the Chinese
  - Works for Chinese when they return to china.
- Bachelor Society
  - Since mainly men were sent over to California, very few women were known for living in Chinatown
  - Called a bachelor society because of the so few numbers of women.
- The Six Companies-Kongsi

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- o Like institutional catholic church
  - o Each company asks for loyalty
  - o Kongsis can get jobs, banking opportunities or death in exchange for loyalty to one company
- Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Society (1880)
  - o Made up by the 6 companies
  - o Control San Francisco, CA
- Vice Districts
  - o WASPs called Chinatown vice districts
  - o Chinatown focused economy on opium and prostitution
    - Just because it is illegal, doesn't make it right
- Opium Dens
  - o Lots of beds in it
  - o Chinese women "service" you—prostitution
  - o Most Chinese could not afford opium dens, many WASPs came to the dens
  - o Gave Chinese bad name
- Anti-Chinese Crusade
  - o "Yellow Peril"
    - WASPs like cheap labor but others don't
    - Hate Chinese because they are taking others jobs
    - Included political cartoons
- People vs. Hall, 1854
  - o Chinese cannot testify against whites
  - o "a race that nature has marked as inferior"
- Naturalization Act of 1870
  - o About citizenship
  - o Chinese cannot be citizens of the united states
  - o US wants Chinese to leave but do not want to deport them
- Page Act of 1875
  - o "undesirables" and prostitutes
- Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882
  - o No Chinese can immigrate to the US
  - o Chinese live under Act until 1943
  - o Prevents Chinese from leaving and returning to the US
  - o New Chinese cannot enter US
  - o 6 companies become ever more powerful
- Chae Chan Ping vs. US 1889
  - o Goes to US supreme court
  - o Upholds the Chinese Exclusion Act
    - The US has the right to pass any immigration law it so chooses

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- o Illegal immigration still occurs
    - Chinese to Canada/Mexico then move to the US
- 1906 Earthquake
  - o San Francisco goes up in flames
  - o Fire burns down city hall of records
- Paper Sons
  - o Sons on paper only
  - o Anybody who wants to come over claim to be son of somebody living in San Francisco
- Angel Island, 1910-1940
  - o Ellis Island equivalent on West Coast
  - o Prove paper sons are not real sons
    - Not successful
    - Detain immigrants on Angel Island
    - Like a prison
- Naturalization Act of 1943
  - o 1. Outlaws Naturalization Act of 1870
  - o 2. Outlaw Chinese Exclusion Act
    - Thanks Chinese for fighting WWII for us by allowing them to immigrate
    - Allow ONLY 105 immigrants a year!
- Immigration after 1943
  - o Push Factor: Communism
    - US has need for skilled workers (electronics)
  - o Pull Factor: Economics
    - 50/50—half women, half men
      - Lots of families and children coming over
  - o Refugee Status
    - Immigrants can come in regardless of immigration law
    - Allows tons of Chinese to enter US under immigration status
- Immigrants Children
  - o “model minority”
    - Better than African Americans, Mexicans, etc.
    - US likes them for their money and skills
    - 3.3 million—1% of total population
      - If you live in California, usually live in ethnic enclave
      - If Chinese live outside of ethnic enclaves, lose lots of Chinese culture

### German American Lecture:

- Who are they?
  - o “Pennsylvania Dutch”
  - o “Duetsche” or Dutch