



Asian Pacific American (APA) or Asian/Pacific Islander (API) Heritage Month (May 1-31) Resources

President George H.W. Bush issued Presidential Proclamation 6130 on May 7, 1990, officially deemed Asian Pacific American Heritage Month by Congress to celebrate and pay tribute to the contributions APA/API have made to American history, society and culture. May was selected for two reasons: on May 7, 1843, the first known Japanese immigrants arrived in the U.S. and secondly, on May 10, 1869 the first transcontinental railroad was completed with significant contributions from Chinese pioneers.

[The U.S. Census](#) (2020) defines “Asian as a person having origins in any of the original peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, or the Indian subcontinent including, for example, Cambodia, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, the Philippine Islands, Thailand, and Vietnam”. It also defines “Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander as a person having origins in any of the original peoples of Hawaii, Guam, Samoa, or other Pacific Islands”.

Resources*:

- **Asian Pacific Heritage Month:** <https://www.asianpacificheritage.gov/>
- **Library of Congress:** <https://www.loc.gov/law/help/commemorative-observations/asian.php>
- **National Park Service:** <https://www.nps.gov/articles/taas-aapiheritage-intro.htm>
- **PBS:** <https://www.pbs.org/specials/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month/>
- **Asian Pacific American Heritage Society:** <https://www.apaha.org/>
- **Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. Army:** <https://www.army.mil/asianpacificamericans/>
- **Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center:** <https://smithsonianapa.org/>

- **USDOE:** <https://www2.ed.gov/free/features/asian-pacific-heritage.html>
- **National Park Service:** <https://www.nps.gov/aboutus/news/may-monthly-theme.htm>
- **ADL:** <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/tools-and-strategies/asian-pacific-american-heritage-month-resources>
- **NEA:** <http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/teaching-api-month.html>

**Please note that this is a working list of resources. For additions, contact jcaracciolo@forsyth.k12.ga.us. Teachers must thoroughly investigate these resources and align them according to Georgia Standards.*