Chinese American Citizens Alliance & APISA

SPRING 2018

STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Learn about the 61-Year Chinese Exclusion Act and share your thoughts on how it has impacted our country!

High School Prize: $250
Middle School Prize: $150
2 Elementary School Prizes: $50

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INSTRUCTIONS:

Attend the screening of The Chinese Exclusion Act at the Oakland Asian Cultural Center on May 12th at 10am, or watch the film on PBS Memorial Day Weekend.

Respond to the questions below and submit your essay in the body of an e-mail, no more than 850 words, to lailan.huen@ousd.org by Thursday, May 31st.

Include 1) Full Name, 2) Mailing Address, 3) Grade & School, and 4) Phone Number.

Students without access to computers or internet may write their essays at the event after the film screening, blue books will be provided.

All OUSD students are eligible to participate!

ESSAY PROMPTS:

ELEMENTARY school students:
• Have you heard of the Chinese Exclusion Act before watching the documentary?
• What are your thoughts on the Chinese Exclusion Act & how it relates to your life?
• Do you think it is important to learn about the Chinese Exclusion Act in school? Why?

MIDDLE school students:
• Have you heard of the Chinese Exclusion Act before watching the documentary?
• What are your thoughts on the Chinese Exclusion Act & how it relates to your life?
• How has the Chinese Exclusion Act impacted American families in the past and in the present?

HIGH school students:
• Have you heard of the Chinese Exclusion Act before watching the documentary?
• What are your thoughts on the Chinese Exclusion Act & how it relates to your life?
• How has the Chinese Exclusion Act impacted immigration policy in the past and in the present?

Judging: An impartial board of judges will be selected by the sponsor to judge the winners. Each essay will be judged on the basis of originality, clarity of thought and expression.

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