



Asian Americans

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Encyclopedia of Asian American Issues

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Thai Americans

United States Emigration and Immigration

Asian Americans Cultural Assimilation

Asian Americans Ethnic Identity

Asian American History

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America: History and Life

This database provides an index of literature covering the history and culture of the United States and Canada from prehistory to the present. Accessing and search strategies suggested for Academic Search Premier above can be used with this database.

Biography in Context

Look for information on the lives famous Asian Americans here. You can enter the name of an individual in the **Search** box. If you do not have a particular person in mind, click on **Browse People**, and select “Asian Americans” in the **Choose a Category** box.

Issues and Controversies

This database specializes in covering current controversial issues. It provides background information on many topics, as well as related news events; statistics; tables; graphs; pro/con arguments; primary documents and much more. You may search general or specific topics, such as affirmative action, or sweatshops, etc.

Opposing Viewpoints in Context

Articles from reference books, magazines, academic journals and more can be found here. You can do a basic search by typing keywords such as *affirmative action* in the search box at the top. Notice that the results come from different content types such as the Opposing Viewpoints series, Academic Journals, Images, News, Magazines, Reference books and Websites. You can use the “Search within results” box on the left of the screen to add terms that will narrow your search. Use the Advance Search for more complex searches such as *Asian Americans AND ethnic identity*.



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Specific Web Sites Related to Asian Americans

http://www.chcp.org/	Chinese Historical & Cultural Project
http://www.asian-nation.org/index.shtml	Asian Nation
http://www.pewsocialtrends.org/asianamericans/	Pew Research Center
http://www.census.gov/prod/2004pubs/censr-17.pdf	2000 Census: Asians in the U.S.(pdf)
http://www.census.gov/	2010 Census
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