

TEACHER LECTURE NOTES LESSON 3

Directions: Use the key points below to deliver your lecture. Be sure you read Ronald Takaki, *Strangers from a Different Shore* (ch. 1-3) and Sucheng Chan, *Asian America* (ch. 1-2) and include any pertinent information from them in your lecture. Both readings can be found in the *Readings* section of this unit.

I. When did Asians first start coming to Hawaii and the United States? Which Asians came first?

Give a short chronology of Asian migration. (If you have no idea, refer to the **Immigration Laws Supplement** handout – found in the *Teacher Pages* section of this unit.) Talk a bit about why the Chinese might come first, and why Japanese, and then Filipinos might come later. Talk about motives for recruiting these Asian laborers, and talk a bit about the role of missionaries and religious institutions in recruiting workers to Hawaii. Talk also about the conquest of Hawaii, and why US companies (esp. sugar interests) became involved in this conquest of Queen Lilluokulani. Then, talk about the gold rush in California, as well as the growth of truck farming and agricultural industry there. Explain why Asian workers were particularly desired for these jobs - grueling work that other laborers didn't want, reputedly cheaper, etc. You may want to talk about the role of recruiters, such as C. Koopmanschap, as well if you have time.)

II. Why did they come?

Talk about international migrations, and why turmoil at home might encourage people to migrate. You will have to do a little international history here. Remember to avoid the whole "push-pull" thesis. This is much too simple to explain the international migrations that were occurring, and this thesis is really, really outdated.

III. Where did they go?

California and Hawaii. Talk about why they might NOT go elsewhere - why not go to the Rocky Mountain region? (Well, actually they did.) Why not go to Alaska? (Actually, they did.) Why not go to the south? (Well, actually they did.) Ok, then, explain to them why the bulk of Asians stayed in California and Hawaii, and why they eventually stayed in large metropole regions.

IV. What impact did they have on local and national economies?

Talk about the growth of the agricultural industry in CA - could not have happened without Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, South Asian (Indian, Pakistani mostly) workers - in that order, roughly.

Talk about the growth of C&H, other major sugar industries in Hawaii. Talk about the Havemeyer family in New York - so-called "old money" comes from the backs of Asian workers in Hawaii...