

# AAPI Heritage Month

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The Asian American community is also very diverse. People from China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam, India, and many other countries call themselves Asian Americans. Each group has its unique history, culture, and language.



Many Asian Americans faced challenges when they first came to the United States. Some were not allowed to own property or vote. Others were forced to live in crowded and unhealthy neighborhoods.

Despite these challenges, Asian Americans have made significant contributions to American society in fields such as science, technology, politics, sports, and the arts.



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It is also an opportunity to recognize and address challenges that AAPI communities face, such as discrimination and stereotypes. It's important to respect and celebrate the diversity of their cultures and promote inclusivity and equality for all.

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#### Multiple Choice Questions

Circle the correct answer.

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- a) A month to celebrate African American history
- b) A month to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage
- c) A month to celebrate Hispanic American heritage

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#### Comprehension Questions

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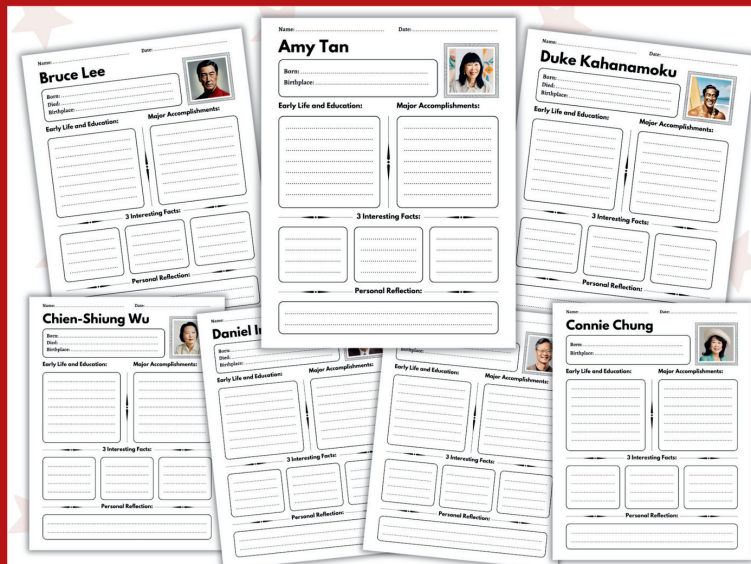
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- d) A month to celebrate Native American history

2 - Which of the following countries is NOT part of the Pacific Islands?

- a) Samoa
- b) Fiji
- c) China
- d) Tonga

3 - Who is Kalpana Chawla?

- a) An Olympic athlete from Vietnam
- b) A politician from Japan
- c) A scientist from Korea
- d) An astronaut from India



4 - Who is Mazie Hirono?

- a) A famous singer from China
- b) An astronaut from India
- c) The first Asian American woman elected to the U.S. Senate
- d) A famous soccer player from Japan

5 - What is the purpose of AAPI Heritage Month?

- a) To celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders
- b) To celebrate the history of South America
- c) To celebrate the contributions of African Americans
- d) To learn about the history of Europe

# Comprehension Questions

Answer keys.

(Some Answers will vary)

**1 - What is AAPI Heritage Month?**

AAPI Heritage Month is a special time to celebrate and learn about the rich cultures, traditions, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States.

**2 - What are some countries that are part of the Pacific Islands?**

Samoa, Fiji, and Tonga are some countries that are part of the Pacific Islands.

**3 - What are some shared values among the Pacific Islander communities?**

Respect for elders and a strong sense of community are some shared values among the Pacific Islander communities.

**4 - Name some countries that Asian Americans come from.**

China, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and India.

**5 - What are some challenges that Asian Americans faced when they first came to the United States?**

Some challenges that Asian Americans faced when they first came to the United States include not being allowed to own property or vote, and being forced to live in crowded and unhealthy neighborhoods.

**6 - Asian Americans have made significant contributions to American society in many fields, name two famous figures and their occupations.**

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# **Multiple Choice Questions**

## **Answers.**

**1 - What is AAPI Heritage Month?**

**b) A month to celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander heritage**

**2 - Which of the following countries is NOT part of the Pacific Islands?**

**c) China**

**3 - Who is Kalpana Chawla?**

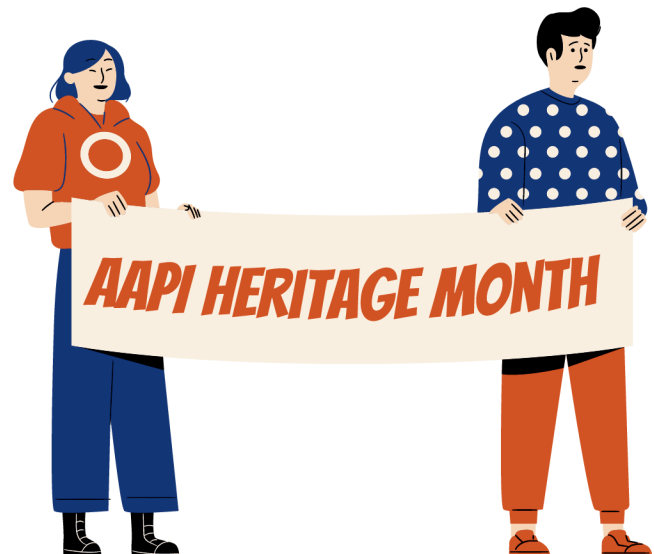
**d) An astronaut from India**

**4 - Who is Mazie Hirono?**

**c) The first Asian American woman elected to the U.S. Senate**

**5 - What is the purpose of AAPI Heritage Month?**

**a) To celebrate the achievements and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders**



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