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Inquiry Design Model (IDM) Blueprint™

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Standards and Practices	4.7 IMMIGRATION AND MIGRATION FROM THE EARLY 1800S TO THE PRESENT: Many people have immigrated and migrated to New York State, contributing to its cultural growth and development. -Gathering, Using, and Interpreting Evidence -Chronological Reasoning and Causation -Comparison and Contextualization -Civic Participation
Staging the Question	Listen to or read aloud the lyrics of the song “Don’t Bite The Hand That Feeds You” Leo Fiest, New York 1915 and brainstorm the theme or message of the song Source A: https://www.loc.gov/resource/ihas.100007833.0/?sp=3 In Appendix 1

Supporting Question 1	Supporting Question 2	Supporting Question 3
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Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task	Formative Performance Task
<p>Analyze the sources and answer the following questions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What was the only crime that Chinese people in Buffalo had been charged with, to the reporter’s knowledge? 2. Why do you think the reporter in Source A felt smuggling was a “violation of the technical but not moral law?” 3. What can you infer about the U.S. 	<p>Analyze the sources and write a paragraph describing the types of societal contributions immigrants made during this time period.</p>	<p>Make a claim with evidence as to why the US Government created boycotts against certain ethnic groups represented by immigrants.</p>

government's treatment of the Chinese?		
Featured Sources	Featured Sources	Featured Sources
<p>Source A: "Buffalo's Chinese Residents," Buffalo Times January 18, 1902 http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1253 In Appendix 2</p> <p>Source B: Letter from the Buffalo New York Chinese Inspector in Charge http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1246 In Appendix 3</p> <p>Source C: Chinese smuggling into US via Canada http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1248 In Appendix 4</p>	<p>Source A: Italian Marble Workers http://www.rochesterhistorical.org/industry/mining/verde-antique-marble/ In Appendix 5</p> <p>Source B: Chinese Businessmen Grocery Store, Merchant Association, Restaurant http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1249 In Appendix 6</p> <p>http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1252 In Appendix 7</p> <p>http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1251 In Appendix 8</p>	<p>Source A: Japanese/Chinese Boycott http://digitalcollections.archives.nyse.d.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1267 In Appendix 9</p> <p>Source B: Chinese Must GO! http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1264 In Appendix 10</p> <p>Source C: Placing the blame on immigrants https://www.loc.gov/resource/cph.3g05739/ In Appendix 11</p> <p>Source D: Restricting Immigration Immigration Acts of 1900s http://www.emmigration.info/us-immigration-laws-1900's.htm see website</p>

Summative Performance Task	Argument	ARGUMENT: Were immigrants who came to the United States treated fairly and respectfully by the government during Theodore Roosevelt's presidency? Construct an argument supported with evidence that addresses the aforementioned question.
	Extension	EXTENSION: Participate in a class discussion about whether or not immigrants are treated fairly and respectfully by the government in today's world.

Taking Informed
Action

UNDERSTAND: Identify a prominent immigrant group in the local community or region.

ASSESS: Research and assess the experiences and governmental treatments of the selected immigrant group.

ACT: Use the research to create a digital information session for children emigrating to their community.

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Don't Bite The Hand That's Feeding You

Words by THOMAS HOIER Music by JIMMIE MORGAN

Tempo di Marcia

Till Ready

Last night, as I lay a -
You re - call the day you

sleep - ing, A won - der - ful dream came to me, I
land - ed, How I wel - comed you to my shore, When

saw Un - cle Sam - my weep - ing For his child - ren from o - ver the sea;
you came here emp - ty hand - ed, And al - leg - lance for - ev - er you swore;

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— They had come to him, friend-less and starv - ing, — When from
 — I — gath - ered you close to my bos - om, — Of —

ty - rant's op - pres - sion they fled, — But now they a -
 food and of clothes you got both, — So, when in

buse and re-vile him, — Till at last in just ang er he said: —
 trou - ble, I need you, — You will have to re - mem - ber your oath: —

CHORUS

"If you don't like — your Un-cle Sam-my, — Then go back to your home o'er the sea, —

- To the land from where you came, What-ev-er be its name; But don't be un-

grate-ful to me! _____ If you don't like the stars in Old Glor-y, _____ If you

don't like the Red, White and Blue, _____ Then don't act like the cur in the

stor-y, _____ Don't bite the hand that's feed-ing you!" _____ "If you you!" _____

Appendix 2

"I never heard of a Chinaman being charged with a crime in the city of Buffalo in the last 10 years, except smuggling, which is a violation of the technical but not moral law, except Charley We, who was acquitted and his honor thus restored to him.

"All of the Chinamen of Buffalo are self-supporting. They go home about once every 10 years, but almost always return to this country. The day of persecuting a Chinaman because he is such by the public is gone by, but he is still made to suffer by over-zealous Government officials, who feel that they have got to do something to earn their salary.

Glossary

Acquitted: Having been found innocent of a crime.

Moral: Relating to an understanding of right and wrong behavior.

Over-zealous: Too enthusiastic or too eager.

Self-supporting: Able to survive on their own, able to work and earn money.

Smuggling: To export or import illegally by taking secretly.

Violation: The breaking of a law or agreement.

From New York State Archives at

http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1253 . Originally from *Buffalo Times*, 1902.

Appendix 3

UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION SERVICE,

OFFICE OF Chinese Inspector.

PORT OF Buffalo, N.Y.

October 5, 1903.

Mr. F. W. Berkshire.

Chinese Inspector in Charge.

Brooklyn, N.Y.

Sir:

I returned to the office this morning , after a short vacation. Your letter of the 3rd instant awaited my return.

I have talked with some of the inspectors since my return and we have two theories as to whose men they are whom you caught at Weehawken on the 2nd. If they are Roths' men, it may be difficult to identify them. Two of the inspectors saw several Chinamen at Ft. Erie in a certain house, but saw them from the opposite side of the street from the house. One of these men was a very large, heavy man and the inspectors think that they might be able to identify another one of the men who were in the house. Another theory is that the men you have may have been brought down by "Kid West". If so, one of our inspectors can identify them all as he came down on the train with them in Canada and sat very close to them. There were two boys in this lot of twelve, well dressed, knickerbocker breechers, one wearing a little light cap and the other wearing a black Fedora hat. Another one of the lot wore a watch and chain. Two wore mixed suits and the others had dark clothes. Nearly all of them wore Fedora hats. I trust that the above information may be of service to you. If we can assist you in any way, please command us.

Respectfully,
Paul J. Pierce
Inspector in Charge.

Glossary

"Kid" West: A white man suspected of smuggling Chinese into the Buffalo area in the early 1900s.

Fedora hat: A man's hat with a wide brim.

Knickerbocker breechers: Loose-fitting pants that were gathered at the knees.

Lot of twelve: Group of twelve

From New York State Archives at

<http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occu>

Originally from letter from the Buffalo, NY Chinese inspector In Charge, 1903.

Appendix 4

THE TRADE in smuggling Chinese into the United States from Windsor, Fort Erie and other ports in Ontario is in a flourishing condition and there are many people who make a living from this kind of work. Sometimes the business receives a setback by the capture of a daring smuggler and his contraband goods, but it does not affect the others, who continue plying their trade as though there were not a secret service man in the employ of the United States Government. Thousands of Chinese find their way into the United States every year by the underground route, to the benefit of other Chinese and white men who see that the men are smuggled into the country and sent to one of the large centers where future detection is next to impossible.

There are a number of points along the Canadian frontier which are regularly used for the smuggling of Chinese into the United States, the most notable being Windsor, Fort Erie, and Prescott, the latter on the St. Lawrence river. At all three places there are white men in league with Chinese merchants in Canada and the United States and every week Chinese are shipped across the border at one of the points named.

Glossary

Contraband: Smuggled property, something prohibited by law.

Flourishing: Being very successful, booming.

In league: Working with.

Plying: Working at, keeping busy.

Underground: This refers not to something underneath the ground, but something done in secret, usually against the law.

Vigilance: A state of being watchful, alert.

From New York State Archives at

http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1248

Originally from the *Buffalo Express*, 1904.

Appendix 5 – Some immigrants, like Italian marble workers, came to the U.S. with highly sought and valuable skills.



From Rochester, VT Historical Society at:

www.rochesterhistorical.org/industry/mining/verde-antique-marble/

Appendix 6 Chinese Grocery Store



CHINESE GROCERY STORE, RUN BY HOP CHONG WAISE

From New York State Archives at

http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1249

Originally from the *Buffalo Times*, 1902.

Appendix 7 Chinese Merchant's Association

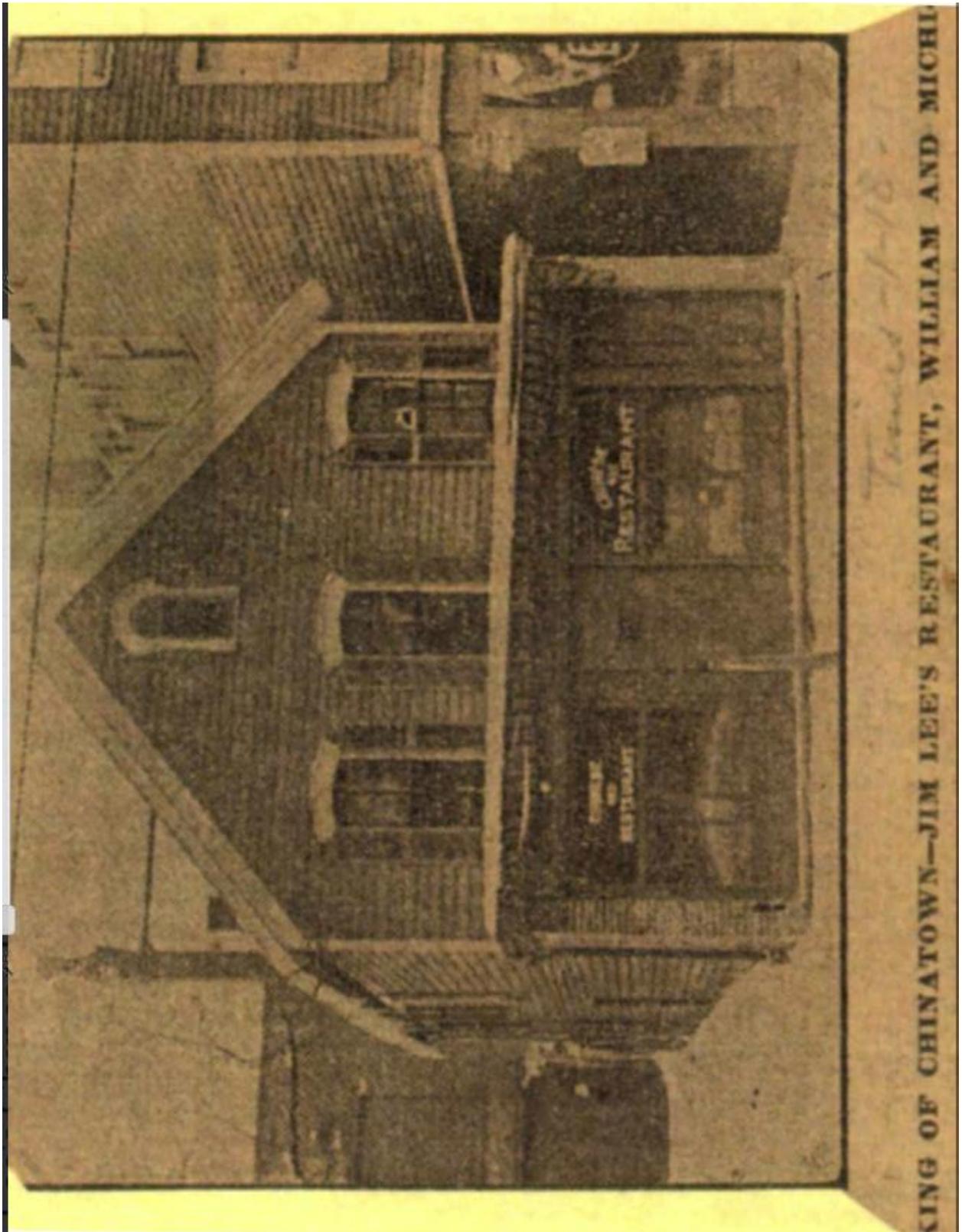


From New York State Archives at

http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1252#

Originally from the *Buffalo Times*, 1930

Appendix 8 Chinese Restaurant



From New York State Archives at

http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1251

Originally from the *Buffalo Times*, 1902.

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BOYCOTT

A General Boycott has been declared upon all CHINESE and JAPANESE Restaurants, Tailor Shops and Wash Houses. Also all persons employing them in any capacity.

All Friends and Sympathizers of Organized Labor will assist us in this fight against the lowering Asiatic standards of living and of morals.

AMERICA vs. ASIA

Progress vs. Retrogression

Are the considerations involved.

BY ORDER OF

 *Silver Bow Trades and Labor Assembly
and Butte Miners' Union*

Glossary

Asiatic: Originating from Asia.

Boycott: Refusal to do business with or participate in a specific transaction.

Retgression: A state of having moved backwards.

From New York State Archives at

http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1267

Originally from labor union flyer, Montana, 1898.



From New York State Archives at

http://digitalcollections.archives.nysed.gov/index.php/Detail/Occurrence/Show/occurrence_id/1264

Originally from lithograph, California, 1878.

Caption reads:

Judge *(to Uncle Sam)*: "If Immigration was properly Restricted you would no longer be troubled with Anarchy, Socialism, the Mafia and such kindred evils!"

From Library of Congress at:

<https://www.loc.gov/resource/cph.3g05739/>

Originally from *Judge* magazine, 1891.