Name: Chin Yeun
Date: 1878
Place: Chinatown, San Francisco

Chin Yeun was born in 1862. In 1877 she was kidnapped from her home in Guangzhou by a procurer and sold into slavery in America by a broker. When she came to America, Chin Yeun knew no English. For the last two years she has lived in a brothel in San Francisco with other girls and women in her situation.

Name: Quok Young Yu
Date: 1871
Place: Los Angeles
(Event clue: what happened in Los Angeles in 1871?)

Quok Young Yu immigrated to the United States in 1853 to join her husband who had come over in 1850 hoping to find gold in California. Unfortunately, like so many others, he was unsuccessful. Instead, in 1852 he set up a laundry in one of the newly formed Chinatowns in San Jose. When it burned to the ground in 1864, the family moved to Los Angeles, where they have been ever since.

Name: Connie Wong
Date: 1910
Place: Chicago

Connie Wong is a second-generation immigrant. Her father first moved to the United States in 1885. Two years later, Connie's mother, who had only met her father once before he left for the U.S., arrived in America where she was held up for another year at Angel Island. A year later, after having heard about an opportunity in the meat markets of Chicago, the family moved again. Unlike her older sister who worked alongside their mother, Connie has been attending the Chicago public schools and only has two more years of high school. At night, she teaches her parents how to speak and read English.

Name: Julia Hong Wong
Date: 1886
Place: San Francisco

Julia Hong Wong was born into a large family in San Francisco. There was never enough food to go around, and so, when Julia turned 8, against her mother's will, she was sold into slavery by her father. She does not know how many years she spent at the brothel, but recently Julia was rescued by a nearby mission.

Name: Wang Shee
Date: 1885
Place: Eureka's Chinatown, California
(Event clue: What happened in Eureka in 1885?)

Wang Shee was one of the first people to occupy Eureka's Chinatown in 1855. She is the mother of five and the grandmother of twelve. She has worked hard since coming to the U.S. and it has been getting more and more difficult for her to walk on her bound feet every day.

Name: Yu Ching-chang king
Date: 1912
Place: Angel Island

Yu Ching-chang King came to the United States to join her husband. She last saw her husband seven months ago when he returned to China to see his family and make plans about their future. Yu is pregnant and has been detained at Angel Island for the past three months trying to prove her relation to her husband.

Name: Julie Yee
Date: December, 1941
Place: Minneapolis, Minnesota
(Event clue: what happened on December 7, 1941?)

Julie Yee was born in the United States in 1931, just two years after the infamous market crash of 1929. Like other working class families, Julie's parents struggled to make a living during the Great Depression. Valuing education above all else, however, Julie was urged to do her homework after school instead of helping work in her parents' restaurant. Not wanting to let her family down, Julie has always been a good student and has many friends. Recently, however, many students in her class have been picking on her, assuming she was Japanese. Her teachers have done nothing to help her.

Name: Helen Kim
Date: 1935
Place: New York, New York
(Event clue: what was happening in China during the 1930s?)

Helen Kim was born in 1901. Throughout her childhood, Helen's parents made sure that she kept in touch with their family back in China. Helen's Chinese roots are important to her, and she has made sure to pass down family traditions to her own children. In 1930 Helen's husband lost his job and Helen had to start working as a domestic in order to feed her family. However, Helen does not let her hard work get in the way of making a difference and is a key member of the Chinese Women's Association.

Name: Linda Young
Date: 1943
Place: Seattle, Washington

Linda Young was born in Seattle in 1922. She was a sophomore at Washington State University when the war broke out, and urged by the college and the government, she and others sped up the college process in order to graduate earlier and aid the war effort. Currently she works at an airplane factory in Seattle building engine parts.

Name: Doris Kim
Date: 1944
Place: Camp Ritchie, Maryland

Doris Kim is a third generation immigrant. Her husband recently passed away and both her sons are overseas fighting the war. Alone for the first time in over thirty years, Doris decided to dedicate herself to bringing her boys home. Having studied both Italian and Japanese in college, Doris was recruited by the U.S. government to train at the linguistic school for military intelligence in Minnesota. She now lives in Washington, D.C. and commutes to Camp Ritchie everyday for work translating captured Japanese documents.

Name: Anna May Wong (historical figure)
Date: 1935
Place: Hollywood, California

Anna May Wong was born to second-generation Chinese parents at the turn of the century.   She was fascinated by movies since her childhood, and began acting when she was young. By the 1920s, Anna had acted in many popular films, becoming America's first Chinese American movie star. However, as she has become a seasoned actress, Anna has become increasingly frustrated by her lack of lead roles and recognizes how her race factors into directors' casting choices.

Name: Rose Hum Lee (historical figure)
Date: 1942
Place: Chicago, Illinois

Rose Hum Lee was born in Montana, but after high school she married a Chinese man and moved with him to China where she became a successful businesswoman. During the war with Japan, Rose led and worked with several relief organizations. In 1939 she and her adopted daughter returned to the United States where she enrolled in a PhD program in sociology at the University of Chicago.   There are very few other women in Rose's program and there are so few students of Asian descent that she is able to put herself through school by lecturing to curious Americans about the "exotic" Chinese culture.