




Celebrating Diversity Across the Network







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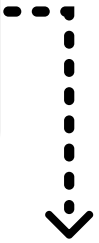
NAF celebrates diversity across the network and invites you to honor the 23 million Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) from the entire Asian continent—including East, Southeast, and South Asia—and the Pacific Islands of Melanesia, Micronesia, and Polynesia. Since culture is vibrant year-round, NAF encourages the network to expand their learning about the AAPI community beyond May.

ESSENTIAL QUESTION: 

HOW DOES CELEBRATING ASIAN-AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH ADVANCE CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING?

*As you engage with these resources and activities, remember to **Take Charge of Your Learning**, which includes these four phases:*

			
REFLECT	STRETCH	INNOVATE	SHOWCASE
Think deeply about your skill sets, learning goals, and purpose. Return to this phase throughout the process.	Engage in learning beyond the bell to expand your knowledge and skills.	Create solutions for real-world problems you are passionate about and want to solve.	Share your innovative solutions to the world in a powerful way.



REFLECT

Think deeply about your social awareness, perspectives, and relationship with your culture and those of others.

Ask yourself and reflect on the following questions; consider your responses before continuing.

- What are the local initiatives celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month (AAPI), and what will be their impact? Are there new and exciting initiatives you identified that will have a long-term impact on this community?
- How do AAPI communities express their identity, and why does it matter?
- Where do Chinatowns exist, and where do they not? [Why do some disappear?](#)
- What would be the impact if more [Asian-Americans moved into leadership roles in the corporate world?](#)





STRETCH

Engage deeper in learning through your own initiative to expand your knowledge and skills.

- Analyze the causes of [increased violence against Asian Americans](#), [solidarity between groups](#) to combat it, and consider how to stop it.
- Learn about high schoolers' petition to [add more Asian American and Pacific Islander history](#) to the College Board's U.S. History curriculum.
- Review the history of [AAPI Heritage Month](#).
- Consider: [Are Indians also Asian American?](#)
- Analyze [data](#) about Asian-American demographics. What can you infer from this data?
- Consider the fallacy that [Asians are perpetual foreigners in America](#); then investigate:
 1. [How the Filipinos came to North America](#)
 2. [The California Gold Rush in the 1850s](#)
 3. [The Chinese Exclusion Act](#)

CELEBRATING CHANGE MAKERS: PAST & PRESENT

[Kalpana Chawla](#)

an Indian-born American astronaut and mechanical engineer whose legacy lives on! She was the first woman of Indian origin to go to space.



[Neil DeGuia](#)

the Complex General Manager - Canopy / Hilton Garden Inn Chicago Central Loop at Aimbridge Hospitality



[Katrina Lake](#)

founder and former CEO of Stitch Fix, a fashion-based subscription service.



[Navya Prakash](#)

has worked as software engineer, computer science instructor and now works for Microsoft.



[Vivien Chen](#)

founder & CEO of Rise, a company that connects women and diverse candidates to top companies and careers.





INNOVATE

Create solutions for real-world problems you are passionate about and want to solve. Choose one of the options below:

Choice 1: Design a campaign to stop Asian American hate.

Choice 2: Dig into the data on the AAPI community. Visualize the data with charts, graphs, or infographics.

Choice 3: Identify a research topic related to AAPI Heritage Month. You may want to collect first hand data. Design a way to share your the topic and your finding such as a video, flyer or social media post.



Steven Shih Chen, a Taiwanese & American entrepreneur, was one of the founders of the YouTube.com domain, a now multi-billion-dollar video-sharing platform.

Choice 4: Discuss your choice of a project dealing with AAPI issues with your educator, get approval and innovate!



SHOWCASE

Share your learning with the world in one (or more) of these ways:

Choice 1: Work with your school to execute or advertise your campaign to stop the hate against the AAPI community. Tap into daily announcements or publish content online.

Choice 2: Create a social media campaign to highlight your project and learning journey.

Choice 3: Publish your research topic on YouTube, with your social media network or through another online platform.



Jen Rubio, Co-Founder and Chief Brand Officer, Away co-founded her company after an embarrassing experience when her luggage broke and all her clothing spilled out. Jen says, "my passions lie in the intersection of commerce and emerging technology and creating meaningful, integrated experiences between people and brands."

Choice 5: Produce a PechaKucha (a 400-second visual story) to showcase your project and learning journey.

Choice 4: Code or create a simple webpage to showcase your project. Consider an HTML project on Replit or Wix.

Choice 6: Showcase your project in a format of your choosing.