

## ***Discovering Angel Island: The Story Behind the Poems***

### **Angel Island Vocabulary Sheet**

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

Look these words up in a dictionary to find the meaning. Write the meaning in your own words.

Barracks

Calligraphy

[Chinese] Characters

Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882

Deport

Detain

Detainee

Discriminate

Immigrate

Interrogate

## Children's Books –

### ***Angel Island* by [Larry Dane Brimner](#)**

Describes the history of San Francisco Bay's Angel Island as an army base, detention center, and immigration station before its preservation as a state park.

### ***Angel Island* by [Alice K. Flanagan](#)**

In the early 1900s, an immigration station on San Francisco Bay's Angel Island processed new immigrants to the United States-primarily people from Asian countries. The experience of Chinese immigrants at Angel Island, however, was different from that of other Asian or European immigrants. Many Chinese were detained before being admitted to the country; others were sent back to China. Although the immigration station closed in 1940, the island remains a testament to those who passed through in search of a better life.

### ***Angel Island* by [Tamara L. Britton](#)**

### ***Kai's Journey to Gold Mountain: An Angel Island Story* by [Katrina Saltonstall Currier](#), [Gabhor Utomo](#) (Illustrator)**

In 1934, twelve-year-old Kai leaves China to join his father in America, but first he must take a long sea voyage, then endure weeks of crowded conditions and harsh examinations on Angel Island, fearing that he or his new friend will be sent home.

### ***Angel Island Prisoner 1922* by [Helen Chetin](#), [Jan Lee](#) (Illustrator), [Catherine Harvey](#) (Translator)**

### ***Landed* by [Milly Lee](#), [Yangsook Choi](#) (Illustrator), [Yangsook Choi](#) (Illustrator)**

After leaving his village in southeastern China, twelve-year-old Sun is held at Angel Island, San Francisco, before being released to join his father, a merchant living in the area. Includes historical notes.

**Industrial America: Angel Island** by [\*Alice K. Flanagan\*](#)

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**The Dragon's Child: A Story of Angel Island** by [\*Laurence Yep\*](#), [\*Kathleen Yep\*](#)

**Angel Island** by [\*Larry Dane Brimmer\*](#)

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**Angel Island** by [\*Harcourt School Publishers Staf\*](#)

**Angel Island** by [\*Wallis Campbell\*](#)

**Hannah Is My Name** by [\*Belle Yang\*](#), [\*Belle Yang\*](#) (Illustrator)

The United States has long been a place of refuge and opportunity for immigrants from all countries. It has been the destination for millions seeking to make their dreams of a better life come true. This book celebrates our shared history of hope by telling the story of a little girl who is waiting for her green card and who meanwhile must adjust to a new language, a new school, a new way of life... even a new name.

**Chinese Immigrants,1850-1900** by [\*Kay Melchisedech Melchisedech Olson\*](#)

## **Chinese in America (In America Series) by [Alison Behnke](#)**

Beginning in the mid-1800s, millions of immigrants poured into the United States from around the world. Among the newcomers were tens of thousands of Chinese people. In *Chinese in America*, you'll discover the history of the Chinese American community. Follow the struggles and the triumphs of Chinese immigrants. Wander through Chinatowns in San Francisco and New York. Learn about old Chinese traditions and meet modern Chinese Americans. Complete with a timeline, glossary, list of places to visit, and suggested reading, *Chinese in America* introduces readers to the men and women who have helped make America a strong and diverse nation.

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### **Lesson Unit 2**

#### **Student Video Worksheet**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

1. When was the Angel Island Immigration Station in use? \_\_\_\_\_

2. Where is Angel Island located? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Who discovered the poems? \_\_\_\_\_

4. What countries were the immigrants arriving from? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. What year did Dale Ching, a former detainee, immigrate to the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

6. How long was he detained at the Immigration Station? \_\_\_\_\_

7. How old was he when he came to the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

8. What attracted people to immigrate to the United States? \_\_\_\_\_

9. What year did the United States adopt the Chinese Exclusion Act? \_\_\_\_\_

10. What was the Chinese Exclusion Act? \_\_\_\_\_

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11. What feelings did the immigrants have during the interrogation process? \_\_\_\_\_

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12. How was the Immigration Station saved from being torn down? \_\_\_\_\_

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13. How did the government cover up the writing? \_\_\_\_\_

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14. What is the importance of the poems to the immigrants? \_\_\_\_\_

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15. Why is it important to preserve the history of the poems? \_\_\_\_\_

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# Poem from Angel Island

There are tens of thousands of poems  
on these walls  
They are all cries of suffering  
and sadness  
The day I am rid of this prison and  
become successful  
I must remember that this chapter  
once existed  
I must be frugal in my daily  
needs  
Needless extravagance usually  
leads to ruin  
All my compatriots should  
remember China  
Once you have made some small gains,  
you should return  
home early

Written by one from Heungshan

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