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Asian American Heritage: Angel Island: Li Keng Wong's Story

Directions: Go to the Link Center at Edwardscape. Click on Geography and Culture. Click on Scholastic: Asian American Heritage. Click on Angel Island. Click Start. Follow the directions below to complete the web activity.



Chapter One: Life in China: Read and answer following questions.

1. When did Li Keng's father come to America? _____

2. Why did Li Keng's father come to America? _____

3. What work did Li Keng's father do after he arrived in America? _____

4. How did Li Keng's father continue to support his family while working in America?

Describe Li Keng's life in her Chinese village

Illustrate a scene of Li Keng's life in China

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5. Why did Li Keng's father decide to bring his family to the United States?

6. When did Li Keng come to America? How old was she when he arrived? _____



Chapter Two: Preparing to Leave: Read and answer following questions.

1. Why did Li Keng's father tell her to call her mother "Auntie"? _____

2. Why did Li Keng have to study the coaching papers? _____

3. What would the authorities do if Li Keng made a mistake and called his mother, "mother"?



Chapter Three: Leaving Home: Read and answer following questions.

1. What preparations did mother make before leaving China? _____

2. Why were only a few Chinese allowed into the United States in 1933?

3. How did Li Keng's family get from their village to Hong Kong? _____



Chapter Four: Hong Kong: Read and answer following questions.

1. Why was Hong Kong an exciting city? _____

2. Why did Li Keng think that the hotel was like a palace? _____

3. How large was the steamship, U.S.S. Hoover? _____



Chapter Five: Arriving at Angel Island: Read and answer following questions.

1. How long did it take Li Keng to get across the Pacific Ocean? _____

2. Where is Angel Island? _____

3. Why did Li Keng's family go to Angel Island? _____

4. Why were Chinese immigrants detained in Angel Island? _____

5. What did Chinese detainees do while waiting at Angel Island? _____



Chapter Six: Detained on Angel Island: Read and answer following questions.

1. Why were Chinese immigrants afraid of being deported back to China? _____

2. How does Li Keng describe the women's barracks? _____

3. Why was waiting for an immigration interview nerve-wracking? _____

4. What was Li Keng's name for America? _____

5. Why did Li Keng refuse to talk about her Angel Island experience for fifty years?



Chapter Seven: Growing Up in Oakland: Read and answer following questions.

Describe Oakland's Chinatown: 1933-1948

Describe the Lincoln Grammar School

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1. Where did Li Keng go after the American school? _____

2. How did Chinese Americans face racial prejudice in Chinatown? _____

3. What kind of business did Li Keng's father own? Why? _____

4. How did hard work pay off for Li Keng's family? _____



Chapter Eight: My Life Today: Read and answer following questions.

1. What college did Li Keng attend? _____

2. What did Li Keng do after college? _____

3. Why did Li Keng write the book, Journey to Gold Mountain? _____

4. Why does Li Keng love volunteering? _____

5. How have Li Keng and her family achieve their American Dream? _____

Describe Your American Dream

Illustrate Your American Dream

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