

## Listening to Asian American Voices

Today we continue our Listening Lessons with a focus on our Asian American siblings. During the class, we will discuss some of the assigned videos and readings and also watch and discuss a video that shares family stories about the Santa Fe Japanese Internment Camp.

### **Goal**

To learn more about what it is like to be a person of color in today's America, with a focus on Asian Americans.

### **Class Assignments**

- **America's long history of scapegoating its Asian citizens.** By Nina Stochlic. Published September 2, 2020. When leaders call COVID-19 the "China virus," it harkens back to decades of state-sanctioned discrimination against Asian Americans.  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/2020/09/asian-american-racism-covid/>
- **Real Stories from Asian Americans Today.** PBS SoCal, May 12, 2020. Being Asian American can mean a multitude of things, and it encompasses a myriad of little-known stories and unique experiences of people straddling two cultures. See the world through the eyes of others with these stories.  
<https://www.pbssocal.org/asian-americans/real-stories-asian-americans-today/>
- **Not Your Model Minority.** Kelly Choi. TEDxUTAustin, Oct 1, 2020. (13:55 min) Grouping the Asian American experience into the model minority label trivializes and undermines the individual struggles and experiences each Asian American has gone through.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjACrM6u\\_Mw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rjACrM6u_Mw)
- **Why we must talk about the Asian-American story, too.** By Brando Simeo Starkey, Nov 3, 2016. Anti-Asian-American racism paints picture of a 'model minority'.  
<https://theundefeated.com/features/why-we-must-talk-about-the-asian-american-story-too/>
- **The Japanese-American Experience In New Mexico.** COLORES, New Mexico PBS, Nov 30, 2009. (20 min) New Mexico PBS outlines the Japanese American experience in New Mexico, from World War II when they imprisoned throughout the southwest to their present migration into the area.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KpiqXzet3CQ>