With its historic passage in April 2021, the Teaching Equitable Asian American Community History (TEAACH) Act amended Illinois School Code, ensuring that every public elementary and high school student in Illinois learns about the contributions of Asian Americans to the economic, cultural, social, and political development of the United States.

Sample US History Course Outline with Asian American History Topic Ideas Incorporated

**Pre-Colonial America (Pre 1492)**
- Columbus, 1st Peoples in America, Native Americans
- French, British, America and N.A.

**Colonization and the American Revolution (1500-1800)**
- Filipino Arrivals 1587, Morro Bay, California
- Manilamen Colony 1763, St. Malo, Louisiana
- 1st Settlers- Pilgrims, Puritans
- Colonial America
- American Revolution
- *The Constitution now taught in Civics*
- Impact of the US Constitution
- 1790 Naturalization Act- Citizenship for “Free White Persons” only

**Slavery to Civil War/ Reconstruction (1600-1876)**
- Transatlantic Slave Trade
- Slavery in the Colonies
- Antebellum American Slavery
- Chang and Eng Bunker- Siamese Twins
- Westward Expansion/ Manifest Destiny (1800-1900)
- US- Mexico War (1845-1848)
- Gold Rush, Chinese Miners 1850
- Transcontinental Railroad- Completion 1869- Promontory point, Utah
- Sectionalism, Abolitionism
- Civil War (1860-1865)
- Reconstruction (1865-1876)
- 1897 Wong Kim Ark v. US and 14th Amendment (post Exclusion)
- Bengali Muslim Traders in New Orleans

**Post- Reconstruction America to Turn of Century**
- Jim Crow Era, Lynching, Ku Klux Klan
- Plessy v. Ferguson/ Segregation
- Takao Ozawa v. US; Bhagat Singh Thind v. US- Defining Race
- Tape v. Hurley, Lum v. Rice- School Segregation
- Yick Wo v Hopkins- Equal Protection Clause 14th Amendment
- Expatriation Act 1907 and Anti- Miscegenation Laws
- Alien Land Laws 1913+
- Native Americans’ Last Resistance, Wounded Knee, Reservations, Schools (1890)

**Industry, Immigration, Urbanization (1800-1900)**
- Industrial Revolution and Capitalism
- Cottage/ Farm to Factory System
- Oil, Steel, and Transcontinental Railroad
- New York, Chicago
- Old vs. New Immigrants
- Ellis Island
- Immigration Quota Act 1924
- Chinese Exclusion- Political Cartoons, Page Act 1875, Exclusion Law 1882
- Race Riots- Chinese Massacre Lynchings 1871, Bellingham Riots (anti- Sikh), Creation of Ethnic Enclaves- Chinatown, Koreatown, Little Manila, Little Tokyo, Little India, etc.
- Angel Island Immigration Station 1910-1940

**Imperialism (1900)**
- Hawaii- Native Peoples, Alaska
- Hawaii- Asian Labor- Japanese, Chinese, Korean (later Filipino)
- Spanish American War
- Cuba, Puerto Rico, Philippines, Guam, Pacific Islands Acquisition
- Philippine- American War
- 1893 Chicago World’s Fair- Swami Vivekananda
- St. Louis 1904 World’s Fair- Philippines Human Exhibit
- Panama, Open Door Policy- China, Japan
- Japanese “Gentlemen’s Agreement”
- Korean Colonization by Japan, American Influence
- South Asians on Komagata Maru Voyage to Vancouver

**World War 1 (1914-1919)**
- Tarak Nath Das and Har Dayal- Sikh Indian Activists, Gadar Leaders
- Indian Nationalist Gadar (Ghadr) Movement in USA
- Great Migration (1910- 1920)
- Lusitania, Zimmerman Telegram, Submarine Warfare
- US Involvement in the War
- Treaty of Versailles
- S. Asian “Moslem Association of America” in N. California
### 1920s, Depression, New Deal
- Asiatic Barred Zone Act 1917; Isolationism/ Return to Normalcy
- Immigration Quota Acts 1924, 1927
- Race Riots: Yakima Terror 1927, Watsonville Riots 1930 (anti-Filipino)
- Roldan v. Los Angeles 1933 (Anti-Miscegenation and Filipinos)
- Filipino Pensionados, Nurses, etc.
- Roaring 20s, Jazz, Sports, Suffrage, Prohibition, Prosperity, Culture
- Harlem Renaissance
- Ibrahim Chowdry and Harlem Bengalis
- Hollywood: Anna May Wong, Sessue Hayakawa, Yellowface, Fu Manchu
- Stock Market Crash, Banks, Depression
- New Deal Programs, FDR

### World War 2 (1939-1945)
- Cash and Carry, Lend Lease
- US Involvement, D-Day, Holocaust
- Atomic Bomb, End of War
- Mubarak Ali Khan and Indian Welfare League
- Japanese Internment Camps
- Korematsu v. US
- Japanese 442nd Regimental Combat Team
- Hazel Ying Lee, Maggie Gee-Chinese American Fighter Pilots, Flying Tigers
- Susan Ahn Cuddy-Korean American Naval Gunnery Officer
- Filipino Veterans of WW2, Rescission Act
- Tydings-McDuffie Act and Philippine Independence
- War Brides of WW2

### Cold War and Vietnam (1945-1972)
- Brinkmanship, Containment Policy, Truman Doctrine, Satellite Nations
- NATO, Warsaw Pact
- Berlin Wall, Iron Curtain
- Arms Race, Space Race
- Cuba-Bay of Pigs, Cuban Missile Crisis
- Red Scare, McCarthyism
- Korean War, Korean Adoptees
- Vietnam War, Vietnamese Refugees, Boat People
- The Hmong and the Secret War
- Cambodian Genocide

### 1950s-1970s Civil Rights and Social Change
- Dalip Singh Saund (D-CA) 1st Asian Am. House Rep
- Hiram Fong (R-HI) 1st Asian American Senator
- Brown V. Board of Education
- Civil Rights Movement
- Martin Luther King Jr and Malcolm X
- Yuri Kochiyama
- Black Panthers, Richard Aoki
- Immigration Act (Hart-Cellar) 1965
- Latinos, Native Americans, Immigration
- Women's Rights
- Patsy Mink-1st Asian American female Congresswoman, Title IX
- Culture and Counterculture
- Delano Farm Workers Strike- Larry Itliong, Philip Veracruz
- Asian American Movement, Model Minority, TWLF San Francisco State College Strike for Ethnic Studies
- 1971 Hawaii-Kalama Valley Protests, Waiahole-Waikane Struggle
- 1974 Lau v. Nichols and Bilingual Education
- Bruce Lee
- 1976 Kahoolawe Protests-Hawaii

### Modern Times-1970s to Present
- Nixon, Watergate, Ford/Carter
- SE Asian Migration, Refugee Resettlement-Vietnamese, Lao, Hmong, Cambodian Americans
- Reagan, Bush Sr.
- Vincent Chin Murder
- Civil Liberties Act 1988-Reparations for WW2 Japanese American Internees
- End of the Cold War
- Cleveland Elementary School Shootings 1989-Stockton California-SE Asian schoolchildren
- 1990s, Globalization, Technology
- LA Riots, Rodney King, Latasha Harlins, Koreatown
- Clinton
- Bush Jr., Obama
- Iraq War(s)
- Afghanistan
- 9/11, Terrorism, Islamophobia
- Great Recession, Housing Crisis
- Tereza Lee and Dream Act
- Immigration, H-1B Visa and recent Asian/ South Asian migration
- Activism Today; Grace Lee Boggs
- Recent Politics
- Local and Recent Chicago History-Devon Ave.
- 2014 Thirty Meter Telescope Protests-Hawaii
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