**Chinese Immigration and Exclusion Chronology**

**1848** Gold discovered in California, soon many Chinese arrive to mine for gold.

**1850** California passes the Foreign Miner’s tax that mainly targets Chinese and Mexican miners.

**1852** Approximately 25,000 Chinese in America.

**1854** California Supreme Court rules that Chinese cannot give testimony in court.

**1862** Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association forms. It provides many services for the Chinese community in the U.S.

**1865** Central Pacific Railroad recruits Chinese workers; ultimately employs about 15,000 Chinese workers.

**1869** First transcontinental railroad completed.

**1870** California passes a law against the importation of Chinese and Japanese women for prostitution.

**1871** Los Angeles: anti-Chinese violence: 18 Chinese killed.

**1873** Panic of 1873; start of major economic downturn that lasts through the decade: blamed on corrupt railroad companies.

**1877** Chico, CA; anti-Chinese violence

**1878** Court rules Chinese ineligible for naturalized citizenship.

**1880** Approximately 106,000 Chinese in America; California passes anti- miscegenation law (no interracial marriage).

**May 6, 1882** Chinese Exclusion Act: prohibits Chinese immigration (in one year, Chinese immigration drops from 40,000 to 23).

**1885** Rock Springs Wyoming Anti-Chinese Violence.

**1892** Geary Act—extends Chinese Exclusion Act.