

# Chinese immigration

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- A. **Angel Island-** San Francisco bay-immigration station where many Asian immigrants had to pass through.
- (Between 1910 and 1940, as many as 175,000 Chinese immigrants were detained and processed at Angel Island.)

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## – B. Chinese jobs-

1. came over in search of **California gold**
2. Many became **workers on the transcontinental railroad**, including dangerous jobs such as dynamite blasting
3. Opened up **laundry** businesses
4. Set up **Chinatowns**

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- C. **Racism and discrimination** faced by Chinese
- 1. **Nativism**-belief which is against foreign immigration and foreign influence.
- 2. **Chinese Exclusion Act (1882)**-
- a. law which banned Chinese workers from entering the U.S. for **10** years.
- b. Chinese already in the U.S. were refused **citizenship**
- c. Law was reauthorized for many years after this in different ways to limit **Chinese immigration**