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**Friday, May 1**

**1:00pm**

**Uncovered in the Archives: “Riverside’s Chinatowns” - 4<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grade**

Brad Pomerance uncovers the history of Riverside's Chinatowns. The City of Riverside would not have developed into the economic engine it has become without the ingenuity and know-how of Chinese immigrants who moved to the region in the late 1800s.

**After watching this episode, choose from the following questions and/or tasks to extend your learning**

**Question Box 1**

- Who were the first “Riversiders”?
- What kind of community did the first settlers to Riverside want to develop?
- What crops did the farmers that come from the east to Riverside plant? Which crops were successful? Which were not and why?
- What was John North’s contribution to the development of Riverside?
- When and why did the Chinese come to Riverside? What were they doing before settling in Riverside?
- Why were the Chinese a “perfect fit” for the goals of developing this area?
- How did the Chinese help Riverside to become an “economic engine”?
- How are the Chinese honored for their contribution to Riverside?
- Who was Eliza Tibbets? What was her contribution to Riverside’s “gold rush”?
- Other than farming employment, what Chinese business began to open up in what is now 7th Street-9th Street along Orange St.?
- What caused the Chinese to move to a new location?
- What was found in the “second” Chinatown?
- What debris was found after the Reconstruction Era of 1893?

**Question Box 2**

- How did you feel about this program? Why?
- What parts of it do you particularly like? Dislike? Why?
- What did/do you enjoy about this program?
- What would you like to learn more about?

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- How do the photographs shown in this episode help to tell the story of the Chinese who helped develop the citrus industry in Riverside?

### **Box 3 (Tasks)**

- Create an electronic biography about Wong Ho Leun (George Wong) using a book creator app online such as:
- [Introducing our new app 'Book Creator Free'](#)
- For secondary resources, use the following links: [Asian American Riverside](#)
- [City of Riverside Chinese Americans in Riverside: Historic Context Statement September 30, 2016](#)

### **Box 4 (Enrichment)**

- Make a timeline of the growth of the citrus industry in Riverside starting with major events such as the transcontinental railroad to present time.
- [City of Riverside Chinese Americans in Riverside: Historic Context Statement September 30, 2016](#)

### **Box 5 (Extend/Real-Life)**

- Create a PowerPoint or other presentation about irrigation.
- What are the four types of irrigation?
- What method of irrigation is most closely aligned to the Riverside method?
- What is the best method of irrigation to use where you live?
- What do you know about the California Aqueduct? Learn more [here](#) .