

# COMMAND TOPICS

**May 2022 - "Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month"**

Join us as we continue to enjoy and educate ourselves through a diverse assortment of literature, media, art, film, music and more. The intent of the Command Topics is to help further develop an awareness and understanding of diverse and inclusive topics within our unique community.

Each month the Command topics features a new theme or focus that highlights a particular group, topic or perspective, so make sure to check out previous Command Topics by visiting <https://cascom.army.mil/diversity/>

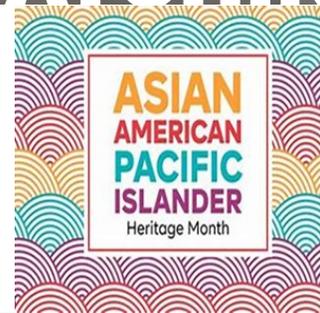
## WHAT ARE WE ...

### **TIME The Immigrants of Angel Island The History You Didn't Learn on YouTube:**

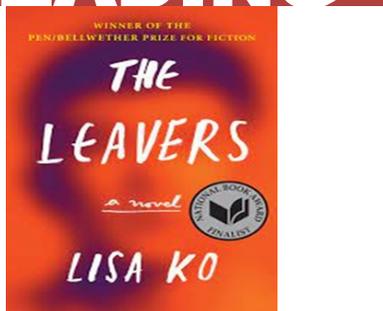
Directed by Erika Lee

The Time video features a succinct discussion on the very different treatment of largely European immigrants at Ellis Island and of those at San Francisco's Angel Island where Asians entered the country from 1910 until 1940. The 12minute video has one sentence about Asian women being denied entry because they were seen as sex workers and a section on the challenges an Indian family faced that led to the husband's killing himself. other instances of genocide.

## WATCHING



## READING



**A vivid and moving examination of borders and belonging, "The Leavers" is the story of how one boy comes into his own when everything he's loved has been taken away - and how one woman learns to live with the mistakes of her past.**

By Lisa Ko published by Thomas Allen & Son Limited

One morning, Deming Gou's mother Polly goes to her job at the nail salon and never comes home. Left with no one to care for him, eleven-year-old Deming is eventually adopted by two white college professors who move him from the Bronx to a small town upstate. They rename him Daniel Wilkinson in their efforts to make him over into their version of an "all-American boy" But far away from all he's ever known, Daniel struggles to reconcile his new life with his mother's disappearance and the memories of the family and community he left behind.

### **How Asians and Pacific Islanders Shaped America**

The CBS Mornings Podcast

May is Asian and Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, a time to reflect on how these communities have shaped the history of the U.S. while also examining the struggles and discrimination they have faced in America. Erika Lee, one of the nation's leading immigration and Asian American historians, as well as a professor of American history at the University of Minnesota, joins CBS News Asia correspondent Ramy Inocencio to discuss the concept of "Asian America" and the pivotal moments and essential lessons in history. Lee is also extensively featured in the five-part PBS docuseries "Asian Americans" which debuted this month.

## LISTENING

