

ASIAN & PACIFIC COMPREHENSION

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1) What year did Kala move to the United States?

- ☐ 1815 ☐ 1949
☐ 1917 ☐ 1915

2) At what age did she move to America?

- ☐ 22 ☐ 21
☐ 18 ☐ 27

3) How did she help immigrants?

- ☐ providing food ☐ community building
☐ providing work ☐ building houses

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- ☐ children's books ☐ fiction books
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1) What was Kristi known for?

- ☐ competitive bowling ☐ competitive skateboarding
☐ competitive figure skating ☐ professional ballet dancing

2) What Hall of Fame was she inducted into?

- ☐ Gold Medal Hall of Fame ☐ Skating Hall of Fame
☐ Winter Hall of Fame ☐ U.S. Olympic Hall of Fame

3) When did she become an Olympic Champion?

- ☐ 1993 ☐ 1992
☐ 1997 ☐ 2002

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Vicki Draves

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1) What was Vicki known for?

- ☐ competitive diving ☐ competitive swimming
☐ competitive running ☐ competitive snowboarding

2) What year did she win Olympic gold medals?

- ☐ 1928 ☐ 1949
☐ 1948 ☐ 1984

3) She was the first Asian American to win what?

- ☐ bronze medals ☐ gold medals
☐ silver medals ☐ diving medals

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Tyrus Wong

Tyrus was a Chinese American artist who worked for Disney and Warner Brothers. He is most famous for his illustrations in the 1942 film, *Bambi*. In 2015, he received a Lifetime Achievement Award by the San Diego Asian Film Festival.

- 1) What was Tyrus' profession?

- 2) He is famous for his illustrations in what movie?

- 3) When did he win a Lifetime Achievement Award?

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Hasan Minhaj

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Dwayne Johnson

Dwayne is an actor and former professional wrestler, who went by "The Rock". He has starred in many movies, becoming one of the highest paid actors in the world. He is also a producer, author, and co-owner of an American football league.

- 1) What name did Dwayne go by as a wrestler?

- 2) In what job does he rank as one of the most highly paid people in the world?

- 3) What types of jobs did Dwayne have?

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Students can practice critical thinking and deductive reasoning to make meaning of the text.

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- ☐ Japan ☐ Australia
☐ California ☐ Hawaii

2) What did he win Olympic medals for?

- ☐ diving ☐ swimming
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3) Which of these ventures did Duke not pursue?

- ☐ police officer ☐ actor
☐ firefighter ☐ swimmer

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3) When did she become an Olympic Champion?

She became an Olympic Champion in 1992.

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