

ASIAN & PACIFIC READING COMPREHENSION!

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1) Where was Ellison Onizuka from?

- ☐ New York ☐ Hawaii
☐ North Carolina ☐ Alaska

2) What did Ellison want to be when he grew up?

- ☐ a doctor ☐ a lawyer
☐ an artist ☐ an astronaut

3) What year did he go into space?

- ☐ 1986 ☐ 1988
☐ 1968 ☐ 1987

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1) Where was Jason Momoa born?

- ☐ Arizona ☐ California
☐ Nevada ☐ Hawaii

2) What kind of characters does he often play in movies?

- ☐ strong ☐ weak
☐ giant ☐ scared

3) What was one of his most famous roles?

- ☐ Batman ☐ Spider-Man
☐ Aquaman ☐ Iron Man

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Keanu Reeves

Keanu Reeves is a well-known actor. He was born in Lebanon but grew up in Canada. Keanu is famous for his roles in action movies. He also created a foundation that helps sick children and provides cancer research.

1) Where was Keanu Reeves born?

- ☐ Egypt ☐ Lebanon
☐ America ☐ Canada

2) What type of movies is Keanu famous for?

- ☐ action ☐ comedy
☐ animation ☐ musical

3) Who does his foundation help?

- ☐ hungry families ☐ sick children
☐ homeless families ☐ endangered animals

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2) When did she start learning how to skate?

- ☐ in her middle age ☐ as an adult
☐ at a young age ☐ in her old age

3) Which of these major international competitions has she won?

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Kala Bagai

- She was born on April 15th, 1893.
- She was one of the few South Asian women of her time to immigrate to the United States.
- She was an activist and community builder for Indian immigrants.
- She became a mother figure for South Asian communities in California.



Name: Samira

Maya Lin

Maya won a design contest. Vietnam Veterans Memorial design was a black, granite with the names of fallen soldiers. She was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016 by President Barack Obama.

1) What contest did Maya win?
She won a design contest of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

2) Who gave her an award?
President Barack Obama gave her an award.

3) What was her design?
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LEADERS in HISTORY READING COMP BUNDLE!

Name: Shanti

Kala Bagai

In 1915, at age 21, Kala came to the United States. She was one of very few South Asian women in America at the time. She had to learn English and face acts of discrimination. She became a community builder for immigrants.

1) What year did Kala move to the United States?
Kala moved to the United States in 1915.

2) At what age did she move to America?
She moved to America at age 21.

3) How did she help immigrants?
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Name: Amari

Joseph Acaba

Joseph is an educator, hydrogeologist, and the first NASA astronaut with Puerto Rican Heritage. He was a flight engineer aboard the International Space Station. In 2023, he was appointed Chief of the Astronaut Office.

1) What is Joseph known for being?
Joseph is known for being an astronaut.

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