

Questions about Sling Family

Chinese Exclusion Act 1882

Document A: Application for Return Privilege, 1913

1. What is the Sling family asking permission to do?
2. Where do you see evidence of racial discrimination in this application?
3. Where do you see evidence of the Sling family's **assimilation** into American culture?
4. Is anyone in the Sling family an American citizen? How do you know?
5. Where do you see evidence of **nativism** in this letter?

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Document B: Letter to the Chinese Ambassador, 1910

1. What are some strange or disturbing questions the US Marshall asks?
2. What privilege is Hong Sling trying to claim when he shows the US Marshall his papers? Does the US Marshall recognize that privilege?
3. In what ways did the treatment of Chinese citizens varied from place to place? What factors accounted for these differences?
4. Where do you see evidence of Hong Sling's **assimilation** into American culture?
5. Where do you see evidence of **nativism**?

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