

“Early Chinese Laundrymen Face Prejudice in Bloomington”

Writing Assignment

After reading the articles on the treatment of Chinese immigrants and participating in class discussion, please write on the prompt below.

From the perspective of a Chinese immigrant, write a 1-2 page letter home to your family detailing your experiences since you’ve arrived in America.

Please keep in mind:

- the possible amount of time that the man has been separated from his family
- the information the man would have been willing to share with his family
- the tone the man would take in writing
- this may be focused on a particular event or common occurrences

Items in writing may include but are not limited to: Angel Island, economic motivation, racism, American perspective, job description, and community or cultural events.

** Read letters in partners?

**Write a letter (for Emperor comparison) in great detail and then black out what would NOT be able to be viewed.