Social Studies 9

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**Chinese Railway Workers Diary Assignment**

This task requires that you assume the role of a Chinese immigrant that came to BC between 1884 and 1890. This could include a labourer for the railroad, a merchant, a labour recruiter/ contractor (a Chinese person who went to China and brought workers back and then contracted them to the CPR), servants for the wealthy, or you could choose to be the spouse of a railway worker.

**Write a diary (Journal) describing one year of your life in BC. The diary MUST have at least 5 entries (one paragraph each)**

Think about the sources we used in class…work, living conditions, food, taxes, racism, head tax, Exclusion Act, etc. Your diary must use historically accurate information, and show that you understand the social and emotional effects of the life of a Chinese immigrate during this period.

Make sure you address the following:

* **What led you to immigrate to BC?**
* **How was your experience of immigrating (travel, costs, etc.)**
* **What was your job? How did you contribute to the development of BC (or Canada)?**
* **Did you experience racism? How? By whom?**
* **Were you able to maintain your culture? If so, How?**

**Due at the beginning of class on April 11**