

## Social Studies:

Mini project: Letter about your discriminatory event.

You will...

- Write a letter as if you were someone who went through the event that you took notes about.

**This letter needs to be 2 paragraphs long.**

- Paragraph 1: What happened in this event? Write as if you were going through this event.
  - Include any push and pull factors in your work.
- This paragraph can be made into multiple paragraphs if needed.
  
- Paragraph 2: What is wrong about this event? Why is this event unfair?

You will need to include 1 picture with a written caption.

- Caption must include a brief description of what is happening in the picture.

Sample:

Dear Mom/Dad/Anyone at home,

The date is \_\_\_\_\_ . As you are aware, I am leaving home and heading to Canada because there is gold there. I want to make a better life for myself so I will go there to mine gold and hopefully start a family there. I'm currently on a ship heading towards Canada and I am hearing that there are some unfair things that are going to happen to me just because I am Chinese. From the guards, I have heard that I may have to pay a tax, called the Chinese Head Tax just because I am Chinese. I'm not sure why only Chinese people have to pay this tax, but what I'm hearing is that Canadian citizens think that all Chinese people are going to steal their jobs just because they don't have to pay us as much. They also believed that we were going to all be something called sourjourners, which meant that we would bring all the money earned here and take it back to our own country, which is not my plan. I'm not sure why they would think that, because as a Chinese person, I know that I wouldn't be

getting paid as much as Canadian citizens would, just because of my race. Finally, I'm also hearing that this tax will begin at \$50, and eventually it may be raised to \$500 or more if the Canadian government think that this isn't working.

I don't think that the Chinese Head Tax is fair. It's not fair because it is only directed to Chinese citizens, which does not make sense because it is racist and discriminatory. Also, this is an obvious attempt on not embracing multiculturalism because the government allowed other people from other countries, except from China. Also, the jobs that Chinese people had were more dangerous than Canadian citizens, and to make matters worse, we got paid less doing these unsafe jobs.