



MARCH FONG EU: ACTIVIST AND POLITICIAN

Dig Deeper

After reading the book, what questions do you still have about March Fong Eu? With an adult's help, find a few reliable sources that can help you answer your questions. Write a paragraph about what you learned.





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Say What?

Studying a historical figure can mean learning a lot of new vocabulary. Find five words in this book you've never seen before. Use a dictionary to find out what they mean. Then write the meanings in your own words, and use each word in a new sentence.





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Another View

This book talks about the women's rights movement. As you know, every source is different. Ask an adult to help you find another source about this topic. Write a short essay comparing and contrasting the new source's point of view with that of this book's authors. How are they similar and why? How are they different and why?





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You Are There

Chapter Four describes how Eu was elected as California's secretary of state. Imagine you were working on her campaign. Write a letter to a friend or relative describing the election. Be sure to add plenty of details to your letter.





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Take a Stand

As a Chinese American and a woman, Eu faced employment obstacles and other forms of discrimination. Eu's school counselor tried to discourage her from going into teaching. Eu could not become a dentist because professional schools only accepted men. Today, there is still some employment discrimination in the United States. How do you think this issue could be addressed?





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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- How did Eu's background and upbringing shape her beliefs and interests? Why was education important to her?
- What obstacles did Eu face as a person of color and a woman? How was she affected by gender and racial discrimination?





- Why did Eu smash a toilet outside the California State Capitol in 1969? How did people respond to this demonstration?
- What issues were most important to Eu during her political career? How did she advocate for these issues?
- Why is it important to learn about Eu and her legacy? How do you think her story could be taught in schools and communities today?

