American Literature

The House on Lemon Street

Discussion Questions

Directions: Answer all of the following questions on a separate piece of paper:

- 1. What was the Chinese Exclusion Act?
- 2. How did Jukichi Harada feel about his adopted country, and how did he express that feeling?
- 3. Describe three experiences common to many Asian immigrants in the early 20th century.
- 4. Why did Jukichi decide to purchase the house on Lemon Street? What made his plan unusual?
- 5. How did Riverside's White residents react to the news? Describe three different responses.
- 6. What was Judge Craig's decision in the Harada case? How did he explain it?
- 7. The Haradas' house has been designated a National Historic Landmark. What might the house on Lemon Street symbolize for a visitor today?