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ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month commemorates the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the United States on May 7, 1843, and marks the transcontinental railroad's completion on May 10, 1869.

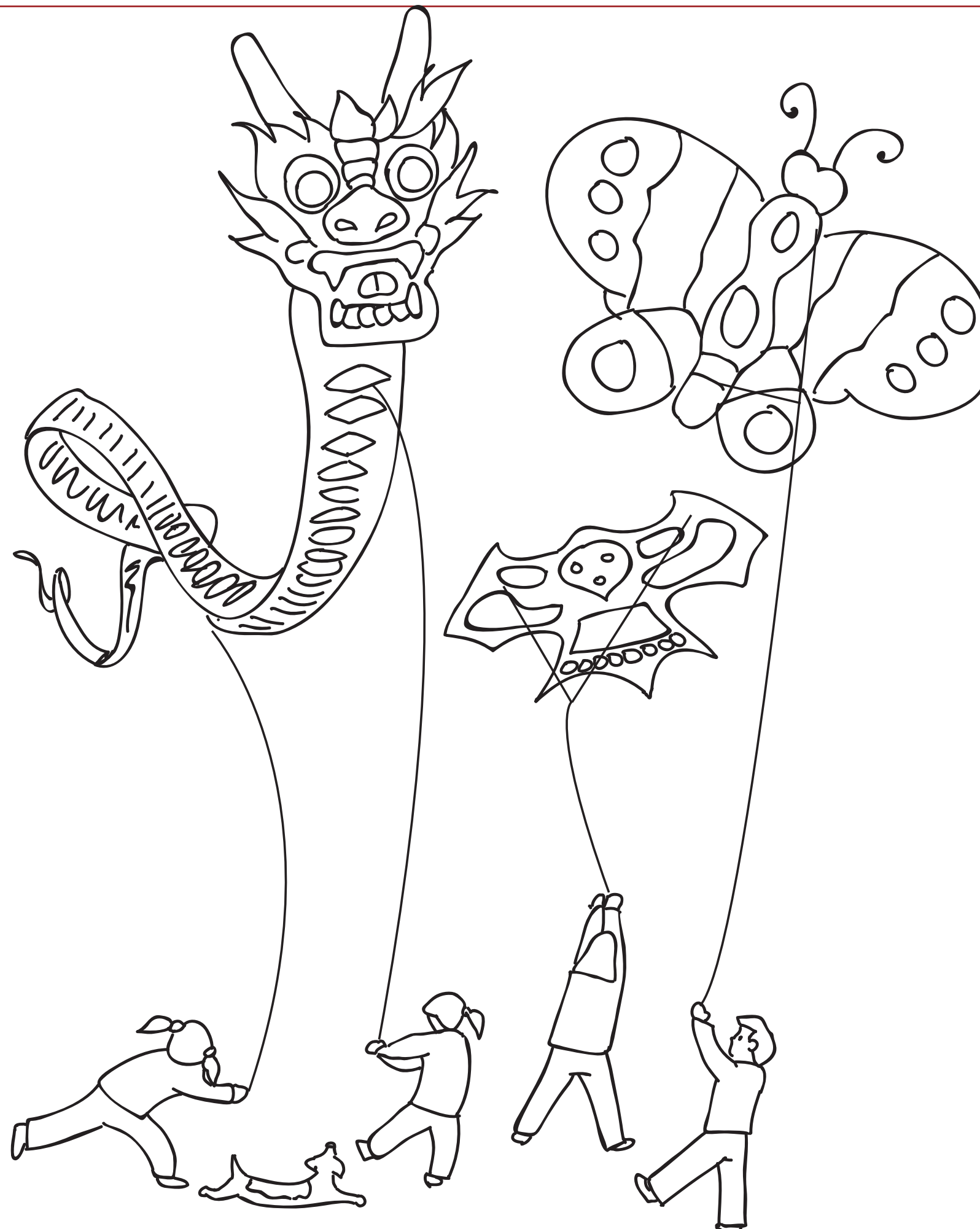


Did you know the term Asian American/Pacific Islander refers to Americans who can trace their ancestry to a multitude of countries in Asia, Hawaii and the Pacific Island territories?

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall designer **Maya Lin** was a 21-year-old Yale student when her proposal for the black stone monument won the largest design competition in American history. The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. is considered one of the most influential memorials of the post-World War II period.



DESIGN YOUR OWN KITE



No one is sure who invented the kite, but they were flown in China more than two thousand years ago! Kite flying was eventually spread by traders from China to Korea, and across Asia to India. Each area developed a distinctive style of kite and cultural purpose for flying them. Here are some examples:
in Malaysia, kites are made for competitions. In Japan, kites are an art form and a traditional New Year's gift for Japanese children. In Taiwan, kites are part of religious and cultural celebrations.

