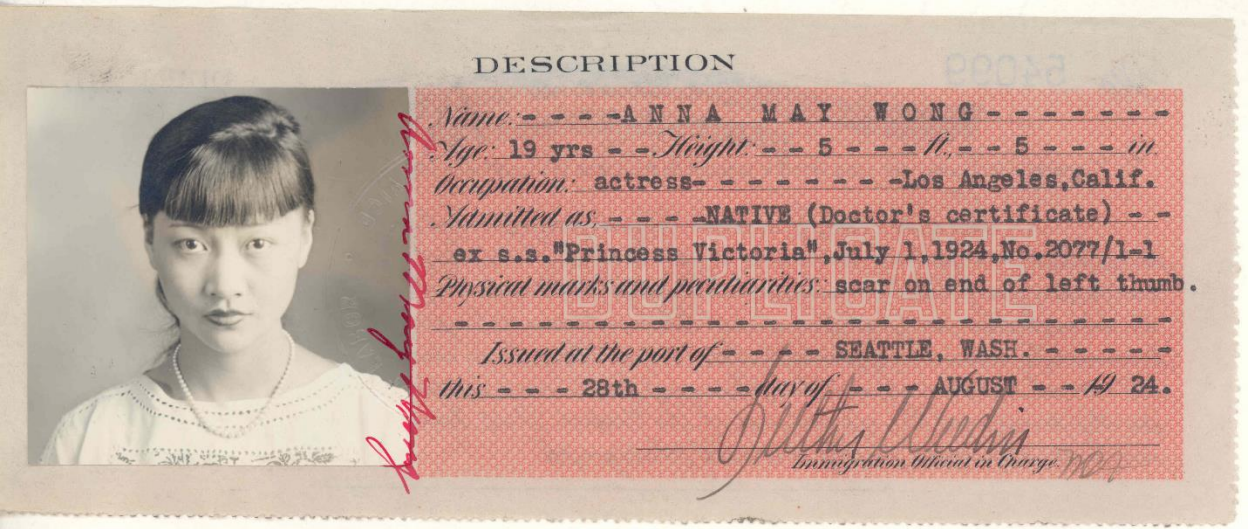


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Anna May Wong's Certificate of Identity Card

Directions: Starting in 1909, the Chinese Exclusion Act mandated that Chinese entering or residing in the United States were required to carry a government-issued Certificate of Identity at all times as proof of their right to be in the United States, or they faced deportation. This requirement applied to all persons of Chinese heritage, regardless of whether they were born in the United States or not, or were a Hollywood movie star as Anna May Wong was.



Anna May Wong Certificate of Identity, August 18, 1924, National Archives at San Francisco (54099).

Describe, in your own words, the purpose of this card.

What is the first thing you notice about this photograph?

How does it make you feel to look at Anna May Wong's Certificate of Identity card?



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Describe what Anna May Wong is wearing. Does it reflect her movie star style? Why do you think she chose to wear what she did? Be specific.

What information is present in the text on the Certificate of Identity card? (e.g., date, location, name, etc.)

What message does this photograph send to the viewer?

Do you have any questions about this photograph or the associated text? If so, how might you find the answers to these questions?