

[theme music plays]

Voice A: Seattle is...

Voice B: Well, we don't use umbrellas.

Voice C: Coffee.

Voice A: Computers?

Voice C: It's a city with a needle.

Voice B: Home to sasquatch.

Voice D: Home to the Museum of History and Industry.

Voice B: Innovation.

Voice C: Rain.

Voice A: A story.

Voice D: A history.

[music plays out underneath]

TK: Welcome back to *Rainy Day History*! My name is TK, and I'm a member of the MOHAI Youth advisors (also lovingly called MYA): a dedicated and creative group of high school students who guide the Museum of History and Industry in what teens want and need.

You may recognize me as a host from season one. Well I'm here to announce that we're back for another season! As always, episodes will dive into history to uncover what it means to be a Seattleite both in the past and the present.

This season we're exploring the theme of "growth" - tackling inclusion and exclusion through projects, people, and events that helped expand Seattle and put it on the map. We're talking marvelous buildings, transit plans that went nowhere, and cultural movements that drew people to the city. We'll also be exploring how growth for some often comes at the expense of others.

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TK: You're going to hear a lot of new voices this season - not only is there a new MYA crew but for each episode, we interviewed a special guest to share about the legacies left behind by those prominent projects and events in the city.

Special guest clip 1: for those immigrants then who are coming on over, not being able to become naturalized citizens and own land and property meant that having a space for themselves would be a challenge, right? Lots of difficulties. So, it was actually a 170 different Chinese immigrant men who pooled their resources together to build the East Kong Yick Building...

Special guest clip 2: and I think that is kind of a unique component of the A-Y-P - not only a gateway to Alaska but also to the Pacific Rims. You know, they felt like they had a... one shot... to tell the world how good Seattle was...

Special guest clip 3: one of the critics called it “Seattle’s tower of terror” (chuckles) it’s just a frightening, frightening thing. And I uh, I didn’t ever quite experience that. I could see how one might. But whatever you think of it, it is considered one of Seattle’s iconic buildings. People will acknowledge that, because... and I think it’s because he took a chance. He decided to do something very dramatic with engineering in that building...

[jaunty piano music ends]

TK: But don’t forget - this podcast is completely teen-researched, written, and produced! These episodes are filled with our own arguments, our thoughts, our worries, and our musings. With each episode, we hope to demonstrate how relevant history is by bridging the past, present, and future.

So make sure to subscribe to the podcast on your favorite listening platform so you don’t miss out! And you can follow us on Instagram for updates @mohaiteens (that’s m-o-h-a-i-t-e-e-n-s), and follow the museum @mohaiseattle (that’s m-o-h-a-i-s-e-a-t-t-l-e), and you can visit the MOHAI website for show notes and transcripts at mohai.org (that’s m-o-h-a-i-dot-o-r-g).

We’re looking forward to sharing our podcast with you every week this summer!

Now, to give you a hint about what’s coming up in our very first episode of the season, here’s India with a trivia question.

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India: Hey! It’s your trivia master, India. Here’s a bit of a preview of what’s coming up in the next episode.

Which Seattle park is named for the person who repealed the Chinese Exclusion Act in 1943? Is it...

- a. Carkeek Park
- b. Magnuson Park
- c. Jefferson Park
- d. Lincoln Park

Find out the answer on the next episode of *Rainy Day History*!

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