



Chinese Head Tax // Memorial Pitch

1. **What memorial were you assigned?**

The Chinese Head Tax.

2. **Who or what does it memorialize?**

The immigrants who had to pay for access to Canada, and the ones who suffered from it.

3. **When was it designed and revealed to the public?**

It was originally designed on Jan. 27th, but redesigned today (Jan. 28th) and will be revealed to the public by the end of the project, on day of the public showcase.

4. **Where is it? How does the location of the memorial influence its meaning and accessibility?**

Inside of the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Office in Vancouver (Expo Blvd), to serve as a reminder of the old system.



5. **What symbols, shapes, or images are present? Describe it's design.**

- The shattered neko cat represents the broken promises and dreams of Chinese immigrants During this period, as well as the money that many families lost to the Canadian government.
- The torn and burnt photos on the bottom of the memorial represent the families that were separated during the head tax and more often than not never reunited.

6. **Why is a memorial like this significant? What apology is it keeping alive?**

It represents what it felt like to be someone of Asian descent trying to immigrate to Canada for a better life, and it serves as a reminder of the results of Chinese Immigrants wanting to immigrate to Canada, and their need to face the tax.

7. **How does the memorial address both the past, and its connection to the present?**

It addresses the past by symbolizing the struggles faced by Asian immigrants as a result of trying to come to Canada to prosper.