

**Why was the U.S.  
known as a**

**“Melting Pot”?**

**Land of immigrants  
where cultures blended  
together**

# **Define Cultural Diversity**

**Many different cultures**

# Define

## Cultural Pluralism

Different cultures  
blending BUT people  
keeping part of their own  
culture

# **Where did most of the “New Immigrants” settle**

**Cities in the Northeast**

**During the Colonial Era of immigration, what were two groups that came here?**

**Puritans and Quakers**

**Why did these groups  
come to America?**

**Religious Freedom**



**What were two hardships that these groups faced when they got here?**

**Harsh elements, had to clear land to farm and often trouble with Indians**

**What were the  
Immigrants called that  
came here between  
1800 and 1880?**

**“Old Immigrants”**



# **Why did the Old Immigrants come to the U.S.?**

**Mainly for economic reasons = jobs**

**What was the  
immigration policy  
called during the  
1800's?**

**Open immigration -  
everyone can come in**

**What part of Europe  
were the Old  
Immigrants from?**

**Northern and Western  
Europe countries such as...  
England, Ireland & France**

**How did the U.S.  
factory owners feel  
about the immigrants  
coming into the  
country?**

**They supported it because  
Cheap source of labor**

**What were two other reasons that the Irish immigrants came here?**

**1. Disliked British rule in Northern Ireland**

**2. Potato famine - many people starving**



**What were the  
immigrants called that  
came after 1880 to 1920?**

**“New Immigrants”**

**What part of Europe  
were the new  
immigrants from?**

**Southern and Eastern  
Europe such as...**

**Italy & southern Germany**

# **Define Nativism?**

**Anti-foreigner feeling**

**What two groups  
opposed the New  
Immigrants?**

**“Natives” (ancestors  
during Colonial Era) and  
Old Immigrants**

**What were two  
reasons why the New  
Immigrants were not  
welcome**

**Different culture and  
economic reasons**



**What were two specific  
cultural differences  
that caused problems?**

**Different language and  
religion (Catholics)**

**What were two specific economic factors that caused problems?**

**New immigrants took jobs and worked for lower wages**

**Why did anti-immigrant feelings increase during economic hard times?**

**Poor economy led to layoffs and fewer jobs**

# **Define Assimilate**

**Blending into society and  
adopting the culture**

**What was the first anti-immigrant act?**

**Chinese Exclusion Act of  
1882**



**People from what state  
were most concerned  
about these  
immigrants?**

**California**

**What was another anti-immigration act of the early 1900's?**

**Gentlemen's Agreement**

**What was the major  
anti-immigration act  
following World War I?**

**National Origins Quota  
Act (1920s)**

**What is the name of  
the anti-foreigner  
feeling that led to  
these acts?**

**Nativism**

# **What part of Europe was targeted by the National Origins Quota Act?**

**Southern and Eastern Europe..**

**Countries such as....**

**Italy and southern Germany**



**What anti-black, anti-Catholic and anti-foreigner group gained power during the 1920's?**

**Ku Klux Klan**

**What is the name of  
the anti-foreigner  
feeling that led to Ku  
Klux Klan gaining  
power?**

**Nativism**

# **When did the National Origins Quota Act end?**

**1960's... Why did it end?**

**Because it was basically  
discrimination**

**Recent immigrants  
(those since World  
War II) come mainly  
from...**

**Latin America and Asia**

**How is it harder for  
modern immigrants  
than for the earlier  
immigrants?**

**Fewer good paying  
unskilled jobs available  
today**



**Changes in  
immigration policy:  
What was the name of  
our first immigration  
policy.**

**Open immigration**

**Why was this policy in effect for so long?**

**Need for unskilled labor**

**What was the first anti-immigration act?**

**Chinese Exclusion Act**

**What was the name of  
the policy that slowed  
immigration in the  
early 1900's**

**Quota Act or National  
Origins Act**

**Why did they change  
the policy?**

**It was basically  
discrimination**



**Why did we have a  
policy of open  
immigration for so  
long?**

**U.S. factories needed a  
cheap source of labor**

# **Why was open immigration changed?**

- 1. Afraid new immigrants were changing culture language and religion**
- 2. taking jobs and working for less money**

**When was the policy of  
Open Immigration  
finally ended?**

**1920's or following  
World War II**

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the policy that slowed  
immigration in the  
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**The**

**End**