

Immigration

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Melting Pot

- **U.S. is a land of immigrants**
- **Blending of many different cultures**

Diversity

**Many different
cultures blending
together**

Symbols of our immigrant heritage

An aerial photograph of Ellis Island, showing the large, white, rectangular building complex situated in the water. The sky is overcast and grey.

Ellis Island

A photograph of the Statue of Liberty, showing the green patina of the statue against a clear blue sky. The statue is positioned in the center of the frame.

**Statue of
Liberty**

Cultural Pluralism

**Different cultures
blending together
but still existing on
their own**

Cultural Pluralism

a. efforts to blend in
such as making
their children learn
English

Cultural Pluralism

**b. keeping their own
identity by living in
cultural groups**

**(Chinatown, “Little Italy”
or the “French Quarter”)**

**Most of the
immigrants
settled in the
Northeastern
cities**

History of Immigration

Changing Patterns

1. Colonial Era

**Originally for
religious and
economic reasons**

2. Before 1880

**Known as “OLD
IMMIGRANTS”**

2. Before 1880

A. Old Immigrants
mainly from **Northern**
and **Western Europe**
(England, France, Ireland)

2. Before 1880

**B. They came mainly for
economic reasons**

**A cheap source of labor
welcomed by factory
owners**

2. Before 1880

**C. Some came for
political reasons. Irish
opposed British rule in
Northern Ireland.**

2. Before 1880

**D. Irish also came
because of the potato
famine (many starving)**

3. 1880 - 1920

“New

Immigrants”

3. New Immigrants

A. New Immigrants

were mainly from

Southern and Eastern

Europe (such as Italy)

3. New Immigrants

B. Came mainly for economic reasons BUT were less welcome than the Old Immigrants

NATIVISM

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anti-foreigner

feeling

Reasons for Nativism:

- 1. Different Culture -
different language
and religion
(Catholics)**

Reasons for Nativism:

- 1. Different Culture -**
worried they would
not “**assimilate**” or
blend in

Reasons for Nativism:

2. Competition for jobs -

“New Immigrants”

worked for lower wages

and took jobs from the

“Old Immigrants”

Reasons for Nativism:

2. Competition for jobs -

A. This increased during periods of economic hard times such as late 1800's

Reasons for Nativism:

2. Competition for jobs -

B. organized labor

(unions) opposed

immigration

Anti-Immigration Acts

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**to limit the number of
immigrants coming in.**

1. Chinese Exclusion Acts

First group limited were Chinese

A. to stop the flood of Chinese coming into California

B. Chinese worked on the Transcontinental Railroad

2. National Origins Quota 1921 & 1924

**Attempt to limit immigrants
from Southern and Eastern
Europe**

2. National Origins Quota 1921 & 1924

**A. political opposition
from “Natives” and
“Old Immigrants”**

2. National Origins Quota 1921 & 1924

**B. Nativism increased
after World War I
(1918)**

Modern Immigration

1. 1965 ruling ended the Quota system - discrimination (now based on per person basis & not nationality)

Modern Immigration

**2. Recent
immigrants from
Latin America and
Asia (since World
War II)**

Modern Immigration

**3. Today's
immigrants have a
harder time finding
work - fewer
unskilled jobs**

Modern Immigration

4. Government programs to help immigrants (programs to train them)

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