

Use PowerPoint: Immigration in the United States

1. Why do we refer to America as the “Land of Opportunity”?

2. What is Ellis Island? _____

3. Who is Lady Liberty? _____

4. What were immigrants required to do for admittance into the U.S.?

Read “The New Colossus” to answer 5-8

5. Who is “Mother of Exiles” in the poem? _____

6. Define exile: _____

7. What does “Mother of Exiles” mean? _____

8. Imagine you are an immigrant to the US in 1895. How might the following words make you feel?

“Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

9. Watch the videos on Ellis Island

<http://www.history.com/topics/about-ellis-island/videos#arrival-at-ellis-island>

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10. Immigrants from _____ and _____ came through Angel Island. Why? _____

11. What act made immigration from China difficult? _____

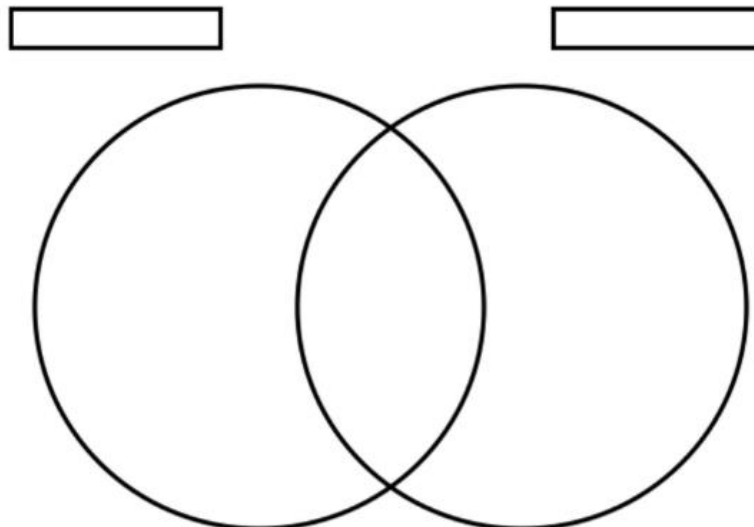
12. What must a Chinese immigrant prove in order to be accepted into the U.S.?

Read “A Dormitory Wall Poem” and answer 13-14

13. Why does the writer of the poem describe their dwelling place as a prison?

14. How does this poem help you to understand the process at Angel Island?

15. Complete the Venn Diagram comparing Ellis Island and Angel Island:



16. Can you pass the US Citizenship Test? Complete the test:

<http://www.washingtontimes.com/quiz/2015/feb/11/us-citizenship-test-could-you-pass/>

Did you pass? _____

17. Go to http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/immigration_data/

Use the chart and table to answer the questions:

What is the total number of immigrants who came to the United States from 1820 to 2010? Choose a decade, and then use your research skills to find out what the U.S. population was at that time. How does the overall population compare to the number of people who arrived in that decade?

From 1820 to 2010, which three countries had the highest number of immigrants come to the United States?

Choose one of the countries you selected in the question above. During which decade or time period did most of the immigrants come to the United States? Why do you think that is? Research your answer.

Immigration to the United States doubled from the 1890's to the 1900s. What events may be responsible for those numbers? Think about events that happened all around the world.

In the 1930's, immigration to the United States declined. Why? What was happening in the 1930's in the United States? Research your answer.



Immigration Quiz

Name: _____
Date: _____
Class: _____

1. How did immigration to the original 13 colonies differ from immigration during the 19th and 20th centuries?

- a. The original immigrants were mostly wealthy; afterward, immigrants were mostly poor
- b. The original immigrants came mostly from Great Britain; afterward, immigrants came from all over the world
- c. The original immigrants did not speak English; afterward, most immigrants did
- d. The original immigrants were Native Americans; afterward, most immigrants were Europeans

2. The population of America is ethnically heterogeneous. What does this mean?

- a. Most Americans are immigrants themselves
- b. Most Americans come from similar ethnic backgrounds
- c. Most Americans speak English
- d. Most Americans come from a variety of different ethnic backgrounds

3. What is religious intolerance? Choose the best answer.

- a. When one person dislikes another person's religion
- b. An argument about religion between Protestants and Catholics
- c. The inability of someone to practice her religion as she wants to
- d. The establishment of an official state religion by a foreign country

4. Why do some people believe that undocumented immigrants should be allowed to stay in the U.S.?

- a. Because the U.S. population is too small to support the economy
- b. Because everyone should be given a chance to make a better life
- c. Because customs agents need the work for their livelihood
- d. Because not enough immigrants come to the U.S. anymore

5. What aspect of America's geography caused Europeans to want to settle there?

- a. The mountains
- b. The rivers
- c. The valleys
- d. The space

6. Which of the following was most likely to immigrate to America during the 1700s?

- a. Nobleman
- b. Military officer
- c. Farmer
- d. Wealthy merchant

7. Which term best describes official U.S. immigration policy during the 1800s?

- a. Tightly regulated
- b. Unrestricted
- c. Religiously motivated
- d. Discriminatory

8. What is the significance of Ellis Island?

- a. It was the place where most European immigrants settled
- b. It was the place where most European immigrants passed through before they became citizens
- c. It was the place where unwanted immigrants were sent by the U.S. government
- d. It was the headquarters of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service

9. If you're American, what are the odds that you can trace your ancestry back through Ellis Island?

- a. One in four
- b. One in 10
- c. One in two
- d. One in 100

10. What is the difference between documented and undocumented immigrants?

- a. Documented immigrants come through Ellis Island; undocumented immigrants don't
- b. Documented immigrants come from Europe; undocumented immigrants come from elsewhere
- c. Documented immigrants arrived in America prior to 1900; undocumented immigrants arrived afterward
- d. Documented immigrants have the government's permission to be here; undocumented immigrants don't