

Immigration

Coming to the New World

3 Phases

- ✱ Colonial
- ✱ Old
- ✱ New

Colonial

- ✱ 1609 – 1776
- ✱ Who Came?
 - ✱ English, Scotch-Irish, Germans Swedish Dutch
 - ✱ Africans
- ✱ Why?
 - ✱ Religious Reasons
 - ✱ Indentured Servitude
 - ✱ Slaves

European Population Explosion 1815 - 1914

- ✱ Relative Peace
- ✱ Improved Diet
- ✱ Improved Sanitation
- ✱ Mechanization reduced need for human labor
- ✱ Renters pushed off land

“Old” Immigration

- ✱ 1776-1880
- ✱ Who Came?
 - ✱ Northern & Western Europe (18th c - English, Scotch, Dutch & French Protestants)
 - ✱ (19th c – English Germans, Scandinavians, Irish)
- ✱ Why?
 - ✱ Revolts (Germany)
 - ✱ Potato Famine
 - ✱ Desire For better Standard of Living
- ✱ Many were skilled and either could assimilate easily or settled in rural immigrant communities.

New Immigration

- ✱ Between 1877 – 1890 6 million immigrants
- ✱ 1890 – 1920 30 Million more

Who Came?

- ✱ Eastern and southern Europe (Russia, Austria-Hungary, Italy)
- ✱ Asia (China, Japan, Filipinos)
- ✱ Many unskilled agricultural workers
- ✱ Many Catholic or Jewish (European)
- ✱ Not Familiar with American Democratic Traditions.

Why did they come?

- ✱ PUSH
 - ✱ Italians fleeing famine and Disease
 - ✱ Jews from Eastern Europe and Russia escaping Religious Persecution
 - ✱ Escaping Poverty

✱ PULL

- ✱ Better jobs (IR tremendous demands for cheap labor)
- ✱ Encouraged by friends/family
- ✱ Fresh Start
- ✱ Advertisements

Sojourners

- ✱ Some didn't stay
 - ✱ Earned enough \$
 - ✱ Obstacles too much and left
- ✱ For every 100 immigrants 30 returned home
- ✱ Some came intending to return, but stayed.

Settling in America

- ✱ Vast Majority settled in Urban Areas
 - ✱ Available land scarce
 - (Japanese and Filipinos in California – an agricultural exception)
 - ✱ Industrial work provided economic foundation for communities
 - Already substantial immigrant communities
 - Ethnic specific goods
 - Because of low wages – ethnic areas tended to be densely populated and poverty stricken.
 - Provided a place where they could feel at home.
 - Often provided aid and services/ support for newcomers.