

Immigration

EQ: What does it mean to immigrate?

Immigration- moving from one country to another

Immigrant- a person who comes from one country to permanently live in another country.

EQ: Why did people from European countries immigrate to America?

- Religious freedom (Immigrants from Russia would be able to show/practice Jewish religion). They wanted to escape persecution (The poor treatment of people based on race, gender, religion, or belief system).
- Better life –education, job, income, food
(Immigrants from Ireland were mostly potato farmers, when potato famine struck they lost everything)

EQ: Why did people immigrate from Asian countries?

- Better life; income (most were extremely poor)

Ellis Island- Immigration station, where immigrants from European countries entered the US. It is located in New York City, New York. Immigrants were checked for dangerous illnesses before getting permission to enter the country.

Angel Island- Immigration station, where Asian immigrants entered the US. It is located in San Francisco, CA.

EQ: Where did immigrants settle?

- Europeans settled in the Eastern United States.
- Asians and South Americans settled in the West and Southwest.

EQ: Why did most immigrants settle in cities?

- They could find work there in factories and industries that were developing.
- They could also live there in tenements and ghettos.

- **Tenements**- poorly built, cheap, dirty, overcrowded apartments,(5-6 people lived in 1 room.)



- **Ghettos**- neighborhoods where immigrants from the same country lived because of the similarities they shared. Unfortunately the living conditions featured poor sanitation, unclean air, and diseases

- Los Angeles, California in the West.

EQ: Where did people work?

- The two cities were New York City, New York in the East and Worked in factories or mills
 - Very low wages (pay)
 - Everyone in the family (even young children) had to work.
 - Conditions were bad and dangerous.

EQ: What does *E Pluribus Unum* mean?

E Pluribus Unum describes an action: **Many uniting into one.**

- A more commonly used translation of the motto is "**Out of many, one**" *E Pluribus Unum* refers to the fact that the United States was formed as a single nation as the result of the thirteen smaller colonies joining together.
- *E Pluribus Unum* also reflects the joining of immigrants of many different countries to create one American nation.

Relocation: When people move as a family or a colony from one place to another.

Dispersion: The spreading out of people across a land in different areas