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# US History Immigration



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# Introduction

**Between 1880 and 1920, almost 25 million people came to America from other countries. Most of these immigrants came from Europe.**

**They came to escape terrible poverty in their own country, having often heard rumors that the streets of America were paved with gold.**

**They believed that America was a land of opportunity. Unfortunately, immigrants poured into cities in such large numbers that there weren't enough resources to go around. Life was not easy for them.**

# What is Immigration

Immigration is the process of moving to a new country, with plans to live there permanently. People who move to a new country are called immigrants.

Immigration is just one type of human migration, or movement. Migrant workers move to other places to work, but they later return home.

Refugees are people who were forced to leave their country by the government or because of dangerous conditions.

# Immigration

The **first Great Migration (1630 - 1640)** was a mass migration of thousands of English people to the 13 colonies in America.

US Immigration History witnessed the arrival of 4,646 immigrants by 1630. By 1770 their numbers had increased to 2,148,076.

In January 1892: Ellis Island, the United States' first immigration station, opens in New York Harbor.

After 1965, many new immigrants came to the United States.

Our US Immigration History also outlines subjects as Forced Migration, the Westward Expansion and Manifest Destiny of America, the effects of Industrialization, the factories and Urbanization in America.

# Interesting Facts

Between 1880 and 1910, about 17 million European immigrants entered the United States.

The Puritans, among the first immigrants, came from Great Britain in search of religious freedom. Between 1846 and 1851, almost 1 million hungry people emigrated from Ireland during the Irish Potato Famine.

In the late 1800s, immigrants arrived from Poland, Russia, and Italy. Jews came fleeing religious persecution in Europe. In the West, Chinese immigrants flooded into California during the Gold Rush.

The first immigrant who came through Ellis Island was 15-year-old Annie Moore from Ireland. to reunite with her parents who were already in the country.

Today, there is a statue of Annie on the island.



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