



# Immigration and Cultural Change (1880-1914)

## The New Immigration and Bosses, Unions, and Agents

Where do you find the following written: “Give me your tired, your poor, the huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, I lift my lamp beside the golden door.”

Answer: The Statue of Liberty

What separated the “new immigration” of the 1870’s from other waves of immigration?

Answer: The immigrants were of non-Anglo-Saxon origins.

What drove immigrants to come to the U.S.?

Answer: Industrialization of European countries left people without work so they came to America where opportunity and food were more plentiful. They also came for religious and political freedom

## Bosses, Unions, and Agents and The Squalor of the Cities

What difficulties were faced by immigrants coming into the country?

Answer: They faced intolerance, oppression, long work hours in unsafe conditions.

What is meant by immigrants living in squalled communities?

Answer: This was the term given to immigrant communities that were overcrowded and unsanitary.

What disease that came from polluted water killed many immigrants?

Answer: Typhoid

What was the life expectancy of Italian immigrants?

Answer: 1 in 3 babies died by their first birthday.

## Family and Community and A Melting Pot?

What was the most significant thing that immigrants did to survive the harsh conditions found in America?

Answer: They often moved in with other family members to share salary. The family was the biggest support system.

What other things did the immigrants do to survive?

Answer: They lived in communities of the same ethnicity, formed organizations advocated rights for their ethnic group, and often tried to get members of their ethnic community into politics.

What does E Pluribus Unum mean?

Answer: From the many, one.

What does the term "Melting Pot" mean?

Answer: It is the idea that America is a country of many cultures and ethnicities that blend together to form one people.

## A Melting Pot? and Closing the Golden Door: China

What countries' immigrants had greater difficulty integrating into the country and why?

Answer: Italy, Poland, and China because their cultures were so radically different.

What was done to help these cultures adapt?

Answer: Special classes were given to help new cultures adapt, learn English, and integrate.

Why did some cultures resist traditional public education?

Answer: They felt that the integration attempts of the public education belittled their culture.

Why did Americans fear the influx of Chinese?

Answer: They were worried that the Chinese would take their jobs and depress wages.

## Closing the Golden Door: China and Closing the Golden Door: Europe

What was the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882?

Answer: The law that barred entry of Chinese workers for ten years.

What was the California Workingman's party?

Answer: A Party of Men in California formed a political with the intent of protecting their jobs from Chinese immigrants.

What argument was used to limit the influx of certain European immigrant groups?

Answer: Scientific Racism

What is scientific Racism?

Answer: The belief that certain groups of people were weakening the Anglo-Saxon gene pool/

## That's Entertainment

Who was famous as an escape artist?

Answer: Harry Houdini

What was known as the great American pastime?

Answer: Baseball