

Immigration in the Late 18/Early 19th Century

1. Population
 - a. 1870 = ~ 40 million
 - b. 1910 = 92 million, more than doubled
2. Immigration Changes
 - a. Pre Civil War = mostly northern/western Europe
 - b. Post Civil War = Asian, Latin and eastern/southern Europe
 - c. Now Catholic, Orthodox and Jews
3. Why?
 - a. Escape poverty, famine, religious or political persecution
 - b. Promise in America
 - c. Fresh Start
4. Irish
 - a. Mainly on east coast
 - b. Potato Famine, ½ people left or died
5. Chinese
 - a. Mainly on west coast
 - b. Overpopulation, starvation and disease
6. Feelings
 - a. Made Americans nervous-they were different
 - b. Put laws in place to curb/stop certain groups
 - c. Upset because they were taking jobs
 - d. Immigrants stayed together
7. Ellis Island Processing
 - a. Passage to America—could take 2 weeks
 - b. Arrival and see the Statue of Liberty
 - c. Offload and check your bags
 - d. Wait inspection
 - e. Medical exam
 - f. Legal exam
 - g. Detained or separated based on results
 - h. Kissing Post