

I am taking us back to our unit that we were working on before we were all sent home. The assignment this week is focused on the first half of the “*Immigrants Today*” article.

1. Read pgs. 206-211. (pg. 207 was just part of a map so I didn’t print it.)
2. Then, go back and practice reading one of the sections **out loud** to yourself or someone at home.
3. Answer the following questions in the space below, and send a picture of your answers to me in an email.

A. Immigration slowed down after World War I. Why do you think a slow economy would stop people from immigrating? (pg 206) ***I think a slow economy would stop people from immigrating because...***_____

B. List 3 of the reasons that people immigrate to the United States. (pg. 209)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

C. Pg. 210 listed challenges that immigrants face when they arrive in the U.S. Which one of the challenges listed below do you think would be the most difficult? Why? (pg. 210)

1. Not knowing the language
2. Someone is well educated but cannot get a well paying job to support their family
3. Prejudice or bullying from people who are not welcoming, or don’t understand religious or cultural differences
4. Other

I think the most difficult challenge would be...

_____ ***because*** _____

D. Why is it important for immigrants to keep some of their cultural traditions once they move to a new place? ***It is important for immigrants to keep some of their cultural traditions***

because..._____



Immigrants Today

by Ann M. Rossi

People come to the
United States for many
reasons. Why do they
come, and how do they
build new lives?



◀ The United States
is filled with people
from many cultures
and countries.



Comprehension Coach

Who Are the Immigrants?

The United States has always been a magnet for **immigrants**. They have come for religious freedom, for a chance to better their lives, and to escape from cruel governments.

Immigrants have come in three great waves. In the mid-1800s, millions of people arrived from northern and western Europe. Most came from Germany and Ireland.

The second wave of immigration was from the late 1800s to the 1920s. These immigrants came mainly from southern and eastern Europe. Most of them came from Italy.

Immigration slowed after World War I for two reasons. First, the United States government set limits on the number of immigrants who could enter the country. Second, the American **economy** began to suffer, or slow down, in 1929. Many people struggled with **poverty**, and jobs were hard to find.

After World War II ended in 1945, immigration began to grow again. In 1965, the government made it easier for people to come to the United States. By the 1970s, millions of people were coming. They all came hoping for a better life.

The Three Waves of



Interpret the Map
during each time
from the greatest

Key Vocabulary

immigrant *n.*, someone who moves to another country

poverty *n.*, poorness, neediness

In Other Words

economy money system



Why Do They Come?

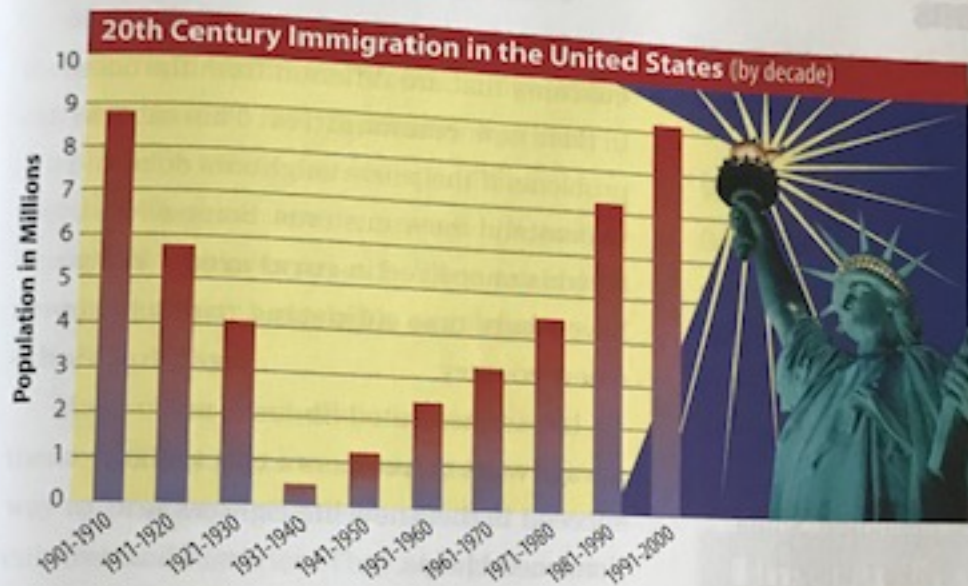
For more than 100 years, the words from "The New Colossus" have welcomed immigrants to the United States from all over the world. The words to this famous poem can be found on the Statue of Liberty, which stands on a small island in New York Harbor. The statue is a symbol of hope and freedom to those who come to the United States in search of a better life.

Immigration has played an important role in American history. The United States

- ▼ Some immigrants risk their lives trying to get to the U.S. Many people left Cuba by boat in 1994 because of the country's economic and political crisis.



In Other Words
huddled masses yearning to breathe free crowds of people who only want freedom



Analyze the Graph What trend do you notice about immigration over the last century? Has it increased, decreased, or both?

has even been called “the great melting pot” because of the many different cultures that can be found in the United States as a result of immigration.

The reasons that cause people to come to the United States are as varied and unique as the people who come here. Sometimes, people are forced to escape their countries. They are afraid of what might happen to them because of their races or religions. They are afraid they will be punished for their political beliefs. **Refugees** come to the United States in order to live their

lives free from these types of prejudice and abuse.

Others come to the United States to escape poverty in their home countries. In the United States, people can find jobs that are not available in their home countries. They can also find jobs that pay them more money. Many immigrants seek to improve the quality of their lives, and their children’s futures, too. They leave family, friends, and homes because they want more educational opportunities for themselves and their children.

Becoming Americans

Immigrants face a number of challenges when they arrive in the U.S. Many know little or no English. Even those people who are well-educated are sometimes forced to work at jobs that do not pay well. They continue at these jobs until their English improves or until they can find something better. Sometimes, people are as poor in their new country as they were in their previous one.

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States. Other immigrants have religious **customs** that are different from the ones in their new **communities**. This causes problems if their new neighbors do not understand these customs. Some new arrivals once lived in **rural areas**. Many have a hard time **adjusting** to city life in a new country.

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