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### Arriving in America: The Making of a Multicultural Nation 1880 - 1920

Between 1881 and 1920 there was a great wave of immigration into the United States. They came in search of a better life. Seen as the \_\_\_\_\_ immigrants came looking for work (Italy and Greece), \_\_\_\_\_ (Russian and Germany), escape from \_\_\_\_\_ (China) and to escape famine (Ireland).

The journey to the United States was very difficult. Before boarding a ship passengers needed to have their \_\_\_\_\_ cleared, wait for ships to arrive, and pass a \_\_\_\_\_ . If immigrants failed to pass a second physical exam once arriving in the United States if they could be sent back home.

Typically \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ would arrive in the United States first. Passengers traveled on the steerage portion of the ship and they slept three bunks high, in prison like conditions, in which disease spread easily. They spent the journey:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

The Statue of Liberty, a symbol of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, was often the first thing immigrants would see. 12 million European immigrants passed through \_\_\_\_\_, in New York Harbor, and were cross examined with the common goal to become Americans.

Between 1910 and 1940 thousands of immigrants arrived at the \_\_\_\_\_ Immigration Station in San Francisco Bay, California.

Chinese immigration was restricted by the \_\_\_\_\_ of 1882. Some Americans didn't want Chinese immigrants to enter the United States because they would work for less and were not European. The Chinese Exclusion Act was \_\_\_\_\_ in 1943 but the United States continues to limit the number of Chinese immigrants that can enter the country each year.

Immigrants often had very little money and lived in \_\_\_\_\_ buildings with several families sharing a unit. The majority of immigrants were not well educated, had difficulty finding jobs and sometimes had to work in dangerous conditions for very little pay.

Immigrants congregated with people from their homeland forming \_\_\_\_\_ such as Chinatown and Little Italy. This allowed them to:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Some Americans felt immigrants created economic, health and security issues. In 1924 these beliefs led to the passing of the \_\_\_\_\_, which limited the number of people that could enter the country.

The majority of immigrants settled in large cities such as New York, Chicago and Boston, which lead to \_\_\_\_\_. Jobs included street markets, manual labor, skilled trade and agriculture. Immigrants from \_\_\_\_\_ moved west to farm because it was similar to the work they had done at home. Chinese immigrants took manual labor jobs, such as constructing the western half of the \_\_\_\_\_.

Immigrants added their own \_\_\_\_\_ to American society by bringing their food, music and sports, making the United States the multicultural country it is today.