

# Reflect

Why do you think that this age was called Gilded?

What were some of the pulls and pushes that led to high immigration during this time?

How were these "new" immigrants different from the "old" ones who had arrived before the Civil War?

How did reception centers on the East and West coasts differ?

## Immigration during the Gilded Age 1865-1900

### The Gilded Age

- Coined by Mark Twain
- gild:
  - To cover with or as if with a thin layer of .....
- gilded:
  - 1.covered or highlighted with gold or something of a golden color. 2.having a pleasing or showy appearance that conceals something of little worth

### A Nation of Immigrants

- Growth of Immigration
  - By end of 19<sup>th</sup> Century, US population had tripled
    - 23.3 million (1850) → 76.2 million (1900)
    - ..... million immigrants
  - Causes:
    - Push factors
      - ....., political turmoil, overcrowding, religious persecution
    - Pull factors
      - "land of opportunity"
      - Availability of industrial .....
- "Old" vs. "New" Immigrants
  - Southern & Eastern Europeans
    - Many ..... and illiterate
    - Catholic, Greek Orthodox, Russian Orthodox, and Jewish
    - Non- ..... (white, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant)
    - "birds of passage"
  - Largely retained old world customs
    - Segregated
      - "Little Italy's" and "....."

### Reaction to Immigration

- Statue of Liberty (1886)
- Restricting Immigration
  - ..... Exclusion Act (1882)
  - Restrictions on "undesirables" (1882)
  - Contract Labor Law (1885)
  - Gentleman's Agreement (1907)
- Immigration Centers
  - Ellis Island, .....
  - Angel Island, .....
  - Policies
    - Medical Exams & Quarantines (fear of TB)
    - Detention & Questioning
      - Preventing temporary workers and "paper brides"
- .....
  - American Protective Association (1887)
  - Immigration Restriction League (1894)
  - Social Darwinists



SUMMARY- Summarize your notes using at least 6 complete sentences:

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