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**Immigration During the Gilded Age**

**Immigration**

* Between 1865-1915, more than \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ immigrants came to the United States

**Why did they come?**

* **PUSH FACTORS**
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Crop failures (Irish)
	+ Religious and political problems in their own countries
* **PULL FACTORS**
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Economic opportunity
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ “Rags to riches” possibilities
	+ Abundant land

**How did they get here?**

* Passage to the U.S. often cost a life’s \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Entire families would save enough to send one or two people to America
* Travel was by ship, often extremely \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and full of diverse people

**Travel Dangers**

* Read the following quote from a U.S. Immigration agent:
	+ “During the 12 days in the steerage I lived in…surroundings that offended every sense. Only a fresh breeze from the sea overcame the sickening odors. Everything was dirty, sticky, and disagreeable to the touch.”
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ **and even death were not uncommon.**

**When people arrived…**

* Ellis Island – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Served as an immigration station on the east coast
	+ In its first 20 years, 6 Million immigrants had come through Ellis Island
* Angel Island – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ Immigration station on the west coast
	+ Mostly Chinese and Japanese immigrants passed through
	+ Served about \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ immigrants

**Inspection**

* Medical exam
* 32 background questions
* Immigrants with contagious diseases were sent back home
* Many immigrants had their \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ changed at the inspection stations

**What was life like?**

* Many \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (people who were anti-immigration) disliked immigrants
* Immigrants often had to accept low-paying jobs with poor \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Most immigrants lived in areas with people from a similar ethnic background, separated from the rest of the city
	+ Chinatown
	+ Little Italy

**Living Conditions**

* Many immigrants lived in crowded **tenements**
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ were crowded apartments usually with poor conditions
* Uncomfortable, crowded, and dirty
	+ 1,231 people in 120 rooms in one part of NYC
	+ In Chicago, 40% of infants never reached their first birthday
* Some people paid for “\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” rooms (a nickel for a one-night stay next to strangers)