



Immigration and Migration

1865-1900



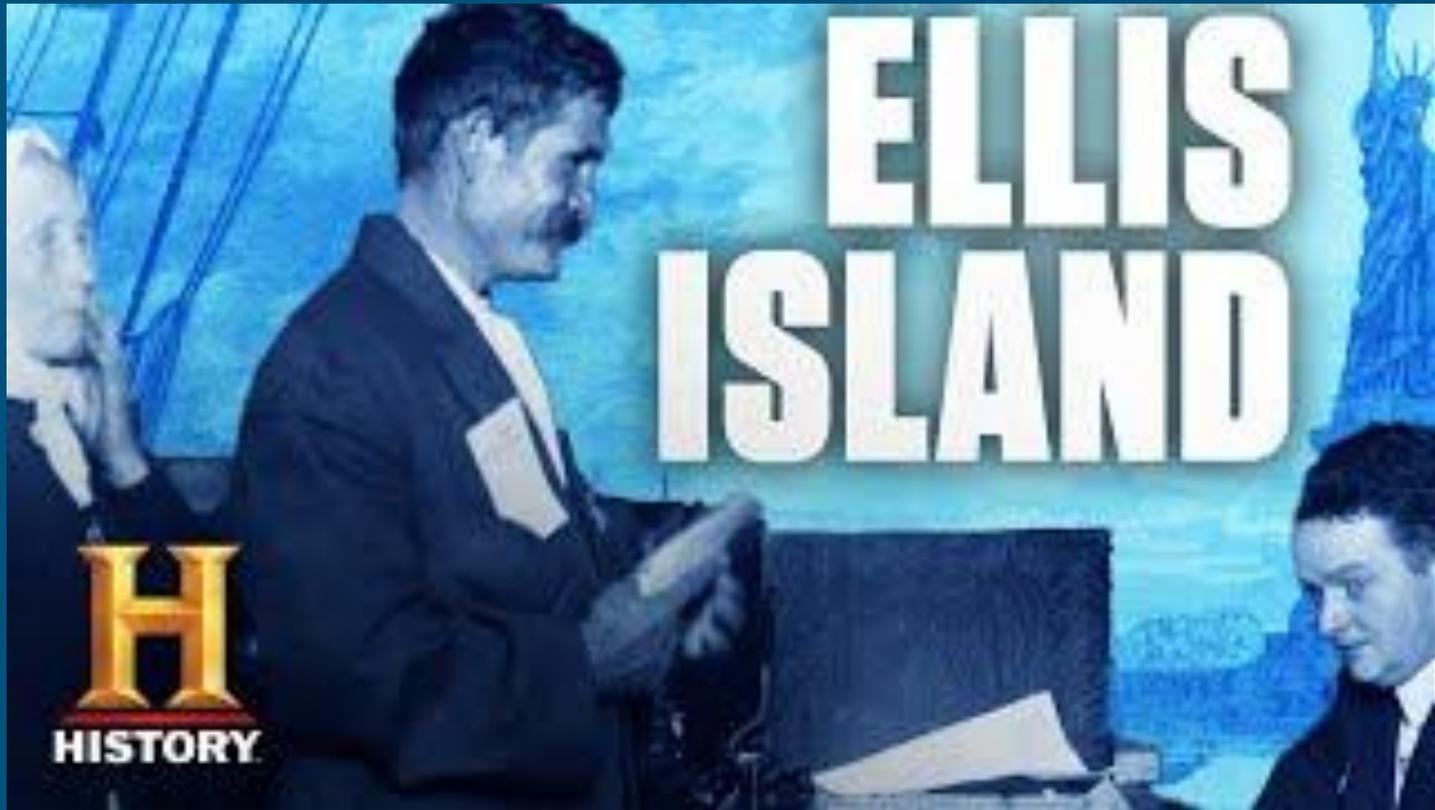
Learning Objectives:

Explain how cultural and economic factors affected migration patterns over time.

The industrial workforce expanded and became more diverse through internal and international migration.

As cities became areas of economic growth featuring new factories and businesses, they attracted immigrants from Asia and southern and eastern Europe, as well as African American migrants within and out of the South. Many migrants moved to escape poverty, religious persecution, and limited opportunities for social mobility in their home countries or regions.

Urban neighborhoods based on particular ethnicities, races, and classes provided new cultural opportunities for city dwellers.



Immigrants at Ellis Island

Thought Questions:

- a. What pull factors brought immigrants to America during the Gilded Age?
- b. What factors influenced families to migrate from the West and the South into northern industrial cities during the Gilded Age?
- c. What push factors brought immigrants to America during the Gilded Age?
- d. What were the most common reasons for immigrants being deported during the Gilded Age?
- e. After arriving in America, where did most of the immigrants settle?

Learning Objectives:

Explain the various responses to immigration in the period over time.

Increasing public debates over assimilation and Americanization accompanied the growth of international migration. Many immigrants negotiated compromises between the cultures they brought and the culture they found in the United States.

Social commentators advocated theories later described as Social Darwinism to justify the success of those at the top of the socioeconomic structure as both appropriate and inevitable.

Many women, like Jane Addams, worked in settlement houses to help immigrants adapt to U.S. language and customs.

OPTIC Assignment:

Create an OPTIC for the following image, “The Immigrant: Is he an asset or a detriment?” from 1893. After creating the OPTIC analysis, answer the question below.

According to the image, how did the differing groups in American life view the immigrants who came into our country during the Gilded Age?



Jane Addams and the Hull House

Writing Assignment:

- a. Name 3 ways in which immigrants struggled to adjust to life in America.
- b. Name 2 ways in which immigrants were demonized during this period in American life.
- c. Name one solution that provided immigrants with a place where they could more easily adjust to becoming assimilated into American society.