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Do Now: Why do people (families) move from one place to another?

- Immigrate: come to live permanently in a foreign country.
- Emigrate - leave one's own country in order to settle permanently in another.
- Migration - the movement of individuals from one place to another
IMMIGRATION

PUSH FACTORS

• Conditions which force people to leave their homes

PULL FACTORS

• Something that attracts people to go and live in a particular place
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- Northern and Western Europe
- Irish and Germans

NEW IMMIGRATION
(1890s-1920s)

- Eastern and Southern Europe
- Poles, Russians, Ukrainians, Hungarians, Italians, Greeks, Turks
Immigration

Old Immigrants
• Northern Europe
• Protestant
• Skilled
• U.S. culture at that time reflected the traditions and beliefs of northern Europe.

New Immigrants
• Southern and Eastern Europeans
• Jewish
• Catholic
• Unskilled
• Settled in cities
**Push & Pull Factors of the 1800s**

**Push Factors**
- Irish: Failed potato crop & famine, cultural persecution by the English (1840s-1850s)
- Germans: Economic depression & political unrest (1840s-1850s)
- Scandinavians: Poverty, shortage of farmland (1870s-1900s)
- Italians: Poverty & shortage of farmland (1880s-1920s)
- Jews from E. Europe: Political oppression & religious persecution; poverty (1880s-1920s)

**Pull Factors**
- Chance to have a better life
- Religious & political freedom
- More jobs with good pay
- Streets are paved with gold
- Everyone's dreams come true in America
- Land
- Education
- Free from fear of violence
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