Aim: Were immigrants to the U.S. welcomed or met with scorn during the late 19th century?

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- From what areas of the world do most immigrants to the United States come from today?
- Are immigrants generally welcomed to the U.S. or do they face hostility? Explain.

	ITALIAN IMMIGRATION	EASTERN EUROPEAN JEWISH
		IMMIGRATION
Push Factors?		
Pull Factors?		
Rate of Return?		
Why?		

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes
command

The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.

"Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!" cries she
With silent lips. "Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!"

The New Colossus

• By Emma Lazarus

Colossus of Rhodes





Nativism

belief that native born white Americans were superior to immigrants.

- opposed to immigration

Nativism

- American Party (Know Nothing)
 - anti-Catholic
 - Xenophobic: prejudice against people from other countries.
 - hostile to immigration
 - secret society. Members replied "I know nothing" when asked about its specifics by outsiders

• Despotism: a country where the ruler holds absolute power.

Mid- 19th century Nativism

• Largely anti-Catholic, anti-Irish. Response to large wave of immigration 1840s and 50s

Early Nativism

The Know Nothings (American Party) - 1854



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Reasons for Late 19th, early 20th Century Nativism

• Economic

Competition for Jobs

Political

- Fear of radicalism (socialism/communism/anarchism)
- Continued Anti-Catholicism

New Social Theories

- Influence of Social Darwinism, Eugenics, racism maintain racial purity and social stability (prevent crime, poverty, etc.)
- Concerns about assimilation group's culture come to resemble those of another group.

Eugenics Movement U.S. – (started late 19th Century)

- movement that is aimed at improving the genetic composition of the human race.
- Historically, eugenicists advocated selective breeding to achieve these goals:
- focused on efforts to stop the transmission of negative or "undesirable" traits from generation to generation.
- The Eugenics Records Office (1911):
 - that people deemed to be unfit more often came from families that were poor, low in social standing, immigrant, and/or minority.
 - undesirable traits were due to genetics, and not lack of resources.

Racism

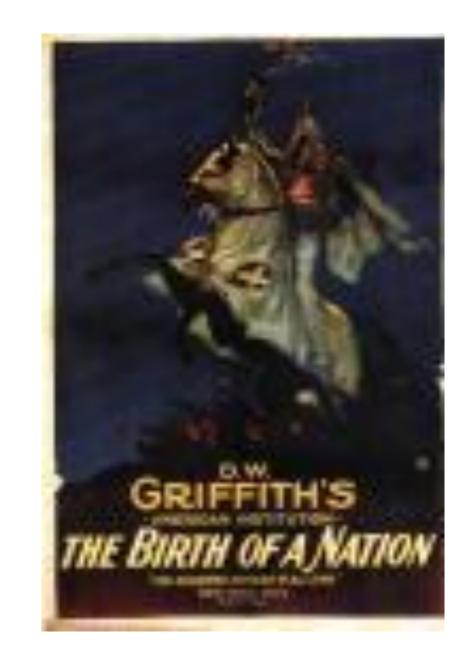
• the practice of discriminating against people based on their race, national or ethnic background.

Tucker Carlson

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q1gtUWO2N9k

Manifestation of Nativism – late 19^{th,} Early 20th century

- Anti-East Asian Immigration
 - Chinese Exclusion Act (1881) began prohibition
 - Gentleman's Agreement (1907) denial of Passport to Japanese laborers
- Anti-Southern and East European
 - Literacy Test Act (first proposed 1896, passed 1917) – required ability to read
- Rise of New Ku Klux Klan (1915)



• Pejorative - derogatory term, a slur

• **Continuity**: consistent existence or operation of something over a period of time