

Immigration to the United States (1880 to 2000): Interactive Map Activity

Access the **10.01.18, NY Times IMMIGRATION EXPLORER (interactive map)** on the class website.

When you go to this *New York Times* interactive map, you will first see a map showing the countries/regions of origin for US immigrants in the year 2000.

Here is what you need to know about how this map is organized:

- Note the tab located under the title, “Immigration Explorer.” It says “All Countries.” If you click on the arrow, you will have a choice of various countries and regions of the world. These are source areas for immigrants to the United States.
- The first map you see is a choropleth map of the U.S. divided up by counties. Remember that the land size of each county does NOT equal the population size of each county.
- Be sure to note the key to the right of the map indicating which region is represented by which color. The darker the shade in each color/category, the larger the percentage of residents from that particular region of the world.
- You may move the timeline tab (atop the map) to toggle through different decades from the 1880s to the early 2000s.
- Also note that you have the option of viewing the data by “percent of population” or by “number of residents.” When you click on “number of residents,” the map type changes from choropleth to graduated symbols.
- You can also “zoom in” to focus on a particular U.S. region or state.

I. EXPLORE THE MAP FOR “ALL COUNTRIES.”

1. What is the *primary* source region of immigrants during the 1880s? _____.
2. _____ and _____ seemed to have been the destination of most immigrants during the 1880s.
3. In addition to Western Europe, _____ emerges as a prominent source region for immigrants to the U.S. during the decade of the 1930s.
4. _____ emerges during the 1940s as a source region for immigrants in the Southwest.
5. In addition to Latin America, what other world region shows up prominently in the 1990s as a source for US immigration?

II. CLICK ON THE VARIOUS REGIONS OR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN (the tabs under “all countries”).

NOTE: These maps all use graduated symbols (i.e., dots and smaller/larger circles) to show data.

6. **CHINA:** In which U.S. region and states did Chinese immigrants settle during the 1880s & 1890s? _____
7. In which decade(s) did Chinese immigrants start settling in the Northeast U.S.? _____
8. **JAPAN:** What was the primary state for Japanese immigrants in 1900? _____
9. Describe the general pattern of settlement for immigrants from **Korea, Japan, Vietnam, and India** in the 1980s-2000s.

10. Which Asian country (not in the Middle East region) sent largest number of immigrants to the US during the 1980s-2000s?

11. **MEXICO:** Examine the evidence of Latin American immigration into the US over time. During what decade can you infer a sudden increase in anti-immigration laws? _____. As the 21st c. began, Mexican immigration _____.

12. **CUBA:** Examine the pattern of Cuban immigration to the US beginning in the 1970s. Which 4 major cities appear to be hubs for Cuban immigrants? [You may need to use google to assist you.] _____
13. **EL SALVADOR:** Describe the settlement pattern for El Salvadorian immigrants in the 2000s.

14. **RUSSIA:** The greatest number of Russians immigrated in the US in the decade(s) of the _____ and mainly settled in _____.
15. **GERMANY:** Until more recent decades when Mexico was the main source for immigrants to the U.S., more immigrants came from Germany than from any other country. Click on the various decades for Germany.

During which decade(s) did most German immigrants come? _____

Name the various regions/states where German immigrants primarily settled. _____
16. **POLAND:** Throughout the decades, most Poles settled in the states or regions of _____

Which city stands out more than any other for Polish settlement? _____
17. **AFRICA:** Click on the 1990s and 2000s. What does the map tell you about the distribution of *re-settlement* cities in the US?

18. **IRELAND:** The decade of the _____ saw the greatest number of Irish immigrants. Irish immigrants settled primarily in the region of _____
19. **ITALY:** During which decade did the number of Italian immigrants increase greatly? _____ Where? _____
20. **NORWAY & SWEDEN:** The settlement patterns for immigrants from Norway and Sweden are similar. Click on the decades of the 1890s, 1900s, 1910s, 1920s, and 1930s. In which Midwest states did these immigrants primarily settle?

