

IMMIGRATION

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United States.**

The United States is a nation of immigrants. For a variety of reasons, groups of people from foreign lands left their native countries and relocated to the United States. Many of these immigrants faced hardships after they arrived in the United States.

Document 1: PHOTOGRAPHS: Ethnic Neighborhoods

Examine the photographs of New York City ghettos.

[Photograph 1](#)

[Photograph 2](#)

[Photograph 3](#)

1. Describe conditions in a ghetto.

2. Explain **one** advantage to living in an ethnic neighborhood

3. Explain **one** disadvantage to living in an ethnic neighborhood

Document 2: STATEMENTS & CHART: Working Conditions

[STATEMENTS](#)

[CHART](#)

1. Explain the dangerous working conditions described in the document and graph.

2. What inference can be made as to the reason why the children of new immigrants often worked instead of going to school?

Document 3: [DRAWING: The Tenements](#)

Analyze each floor of the tenement drawing. Describe **at least FOUR** hardships immigrants faced in the tenements.

[FLOOR 1](#) / [FLOOR 2](#) / [FLOOR 3](#) / [FLOOR 4](#)

Evaluate the reasons the new immigrants lived in Tenements

Document 4: [LETTER: Polish Immigrant 1913](#)

Based on the document, describe **two reasons** it was difficult for this Polish immigrant to fit into American society.

Document 5: [POLITICAL CARTOON: “THE AMERICAN RIVER GANGES” 1871](#)

Analyze the cartoon and list **three problems** the alligators are creating in America

Who do the alligators represent? ([HINT](#): Turn the cartoon sideways)

(Still don't see [it?](#))

Is this cartoon for or against the migration of the new immigrants?
Justify your answer.

QUESTION?

“Not the looking forward made me go, but the looking backward made me search a new life and struggle a hard battle. . . . [I]t is hard still now to bear the homesickness, loneliness, among strange people not knowing the language doing hard [work] without a minute of joy. But when I look back into my childhood . . . , always under a terrible fear . . . I think that there is not anything harder. . . . America means for an Immigrant a fairy promised land that came out true, a land that gives all they need for their work, a land which gives them human rights, a land that gives morality through her churches and education through her free schools and libraries.”

—young Russian Jewish woman

If conditions were so bad in the United States for the New Immigrants, Why were they still willing to immigrate to America?