

# Unit 2

# Big Industry and Big Cities

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## UNIT 2 PART 3

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# I. OLD IMMIGRATION = prior to 1880

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- A. Mostly from  
Western Europe =  
Germany, Great  
Britain, Ireland,  
Sweden
- mostly Protestant



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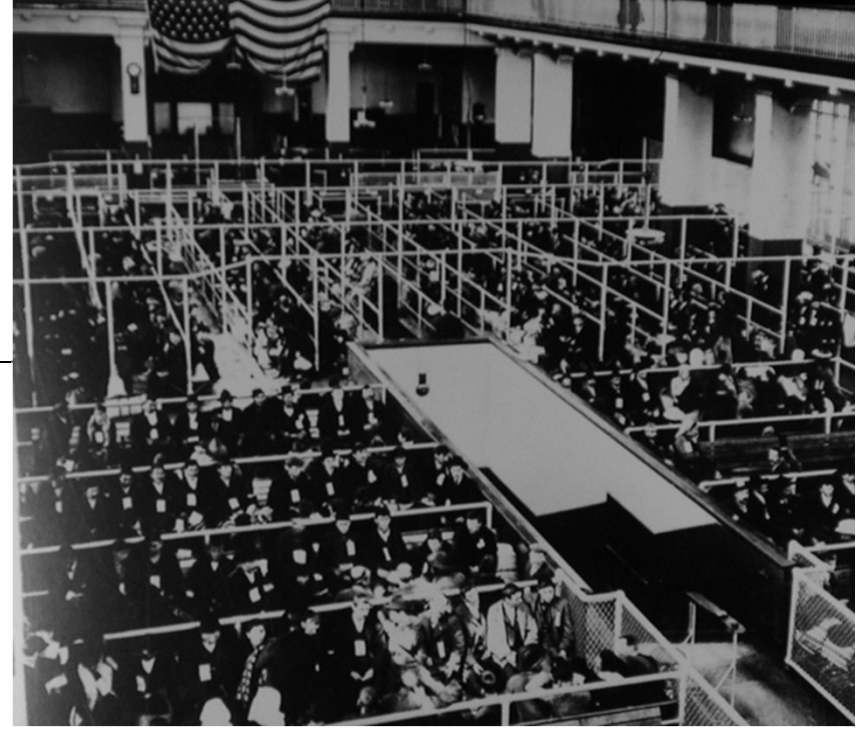
# Immigrants Journey to America



➤ European Immigrants  
( Arrive on the East Coast)

➤ Most were crammed in **steerage**  
( airless rooms below the deck)





➤ Most arrived in New York City ( **Elis Island**) screened for disease & many immigrants names were changed

➤ **Statue of Liberty** = American Immigration



## II. New Immigration = 1881-1920

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- A. Mostly from Southern and Eastern Europe = Italy, Greece, Russia, Poland
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THE DEPARTURE.







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Reasons for leaving  
**(PUSH Factors)**

fleeing  
**religious persecution**

not enough factory  
jobs available

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**Reasons for coming  
(PULL Factors)**

**surplus of industrial  
jobs in America –  
most settle in cities**

**freedom in America**

**Restricti  
ons**

**convicts,  
insane,  
people on  
charity**

### III. ASIAN IMMIGRATION = 1881-1920

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Reasons for  
leaving  
**(PUSH Factors)**

Reasons for  
coming  
**(PULL Factors)**

most live in  
**poverty** (poor)

opportunity for  
a better life  
**(higher pay)**

jobs available

cheap labor  
needed to  
**build RR's in  
American  
west**



*Chinese workmen on the CPR, 1880's. (Provincial Archives of B.C. #41770)*

UNIT 2 EQ 5: How was the experience of immigrants impacted during the industrial revolution?

## Asian Immigration 1881-1920

U.S. Immigration Station, Angel Island, Cal.



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# Restrictions

could not own land

**Chinese Exclusion Act 1882** = said no Chinese worker could enter the U.S. for 10 years. Result = stopped almost all Chinese from coming to the U.S.

**Gentlemen's Agreement** = current Japanese Americans would get more rights if Japan did not send anymore immigrants



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# III. ASIAN IMMIGRATION

Asian Immigrants (arrive on west coast)

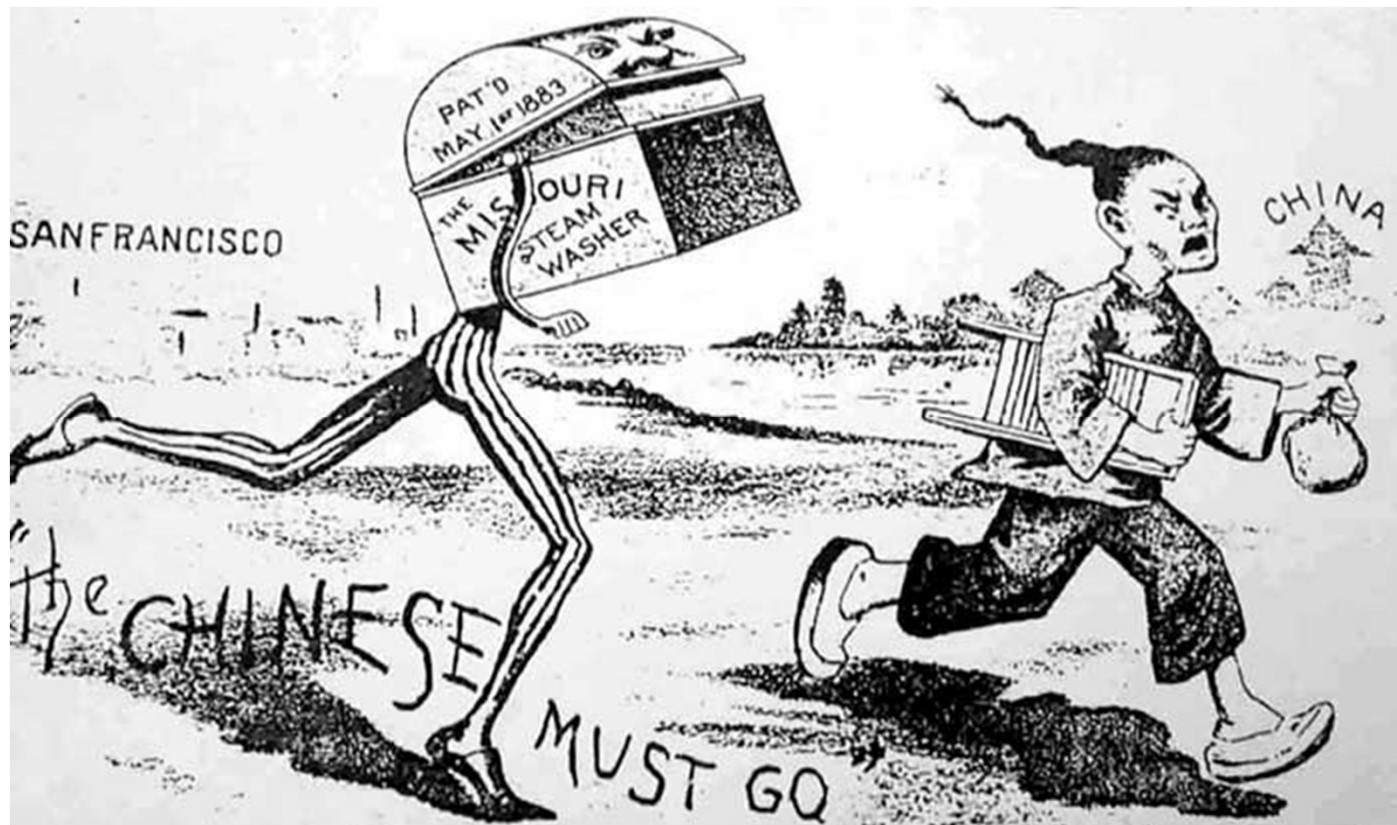
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- most arrived in San Francisco (**Angel Island**)
- screened for disease
- most Asian immigrants were **turned away**





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How does this late 19<sup>th</sup> century political cartoon reveal the attitudes of nativists towards the Chinese?

## V. Americans Against Immigration

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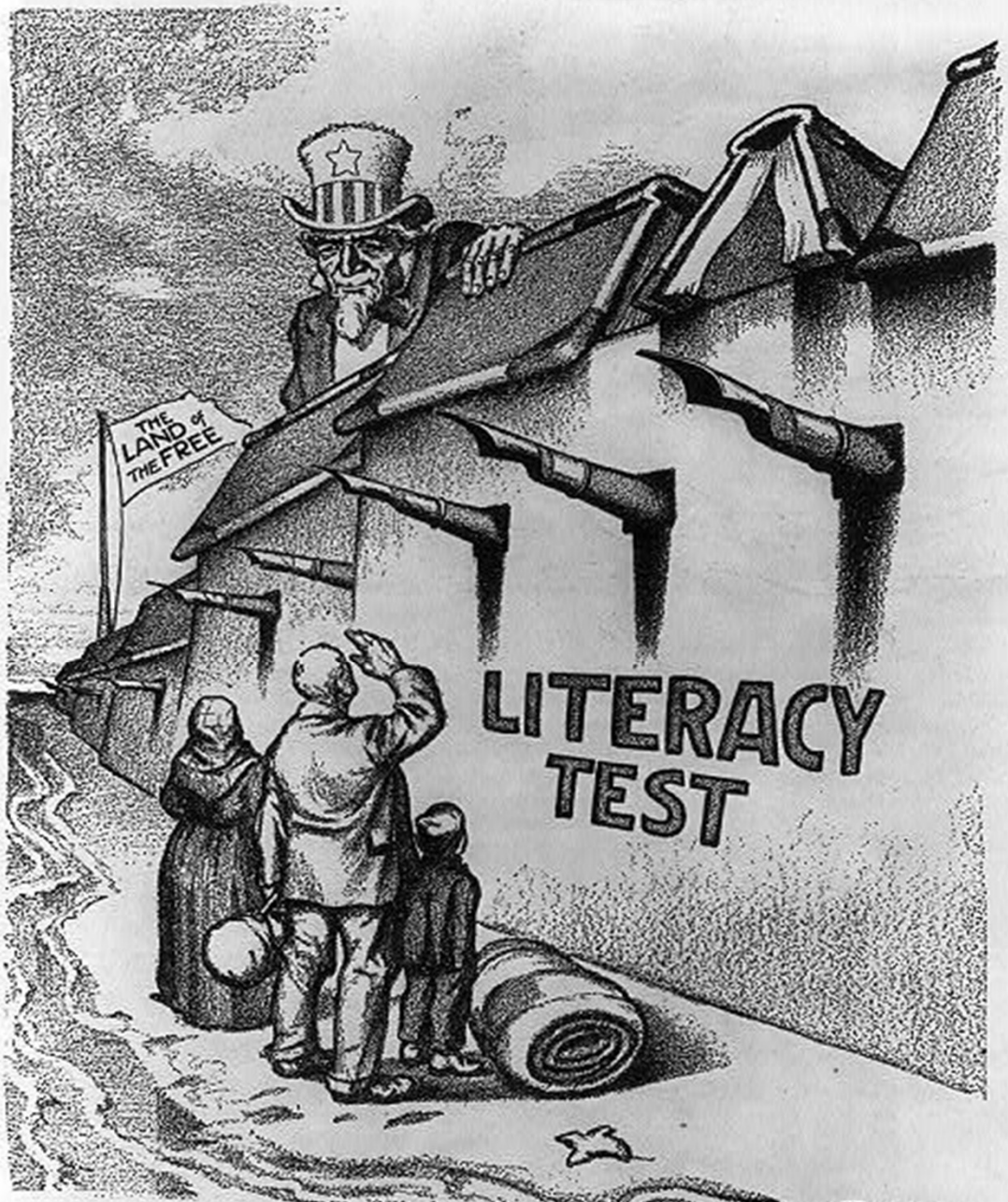
**Nativists** = Americans Against Immigration

A. Resented Immigrants working for **lower wages**

= use **violence** against immigrants

= work to **restrict** immigration in America

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THE AMERICANESE WALL, AS CONGRESSMAN  
BURNETT WOULD BUILD IT.

UNCLE SAM: You're welcome in—if you can climb it!

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CRQ 1: How did  
representatives  
in Congress  
sometimes  
respond to  
nativist  
concerns? TTQA

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PAPIST IMMIGRANTS ARE WRECKING OUR ECONOMY WITH THEIR FECUNDITY! WE MUST ERECT A WALL OF BRASS AROUND THE COUNTRY FOR THE EXCLUSION OF CATHOLICS!

1780



(“WALL OF BRASS...” IS QUOTED FROM JOHN JAY, THE FIRST CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT.)

CHINESE IMMIGRANTS AREN'T ASSIMILATING... AND IF WE LET TOO MANY IN, THEY'LL UNDERMINE OUR ECONOMY!

1850



NOW, I'VE GOT NOTHING AGAINST JEWS... BUT THE JEWS ARE COMING IN HUGE NUMBERS! THE ECONOMY CAN'T TAKE IT!

1920



WE'VE GOT NOTHING AGAINST MEXICANS. BUT THEY REFUSE TO ASSIMILATE! THEY'RE RUINING OUR ECONOMY!

NOW



WE SHOULD ERECT A WALL.

HISTORY MARCHES ON; NATIVISM MARCHES IN PLACE