

US Immigration Webquest

Use the links below to answer the questions. Questions will be below each link.

Answer them on your own piece of paper or create a google doc and share with me at jhilbert@sjusd.org

Immigration Shaping & Reshaping America

<http://www.prb.org/Publications/Reports/2006/ImmigrationShapingandReshapingAmerica.aspx>

1. Between the years 1990-2005, how many immigrants became legal citizens in the United States?
2. How many immigrants came illegally to the United States each year?
3. What are the economic, political, and cultural stresses in the United States due to immigration?

Immigration History

<http://www.rapidimmigration.com/us-immigration-history/>

4. Who were the first people who wandered the Americas?
5. Who were the first Europeans to land in the New World?
6. Would the idea of unlimited resources be considered a push or pull factor? Explain your answer.
7. What type of migration is the Atlantic slave trade to the Americas?
8. What idea led to the settling of America?
9. Where did most immigrants travel through before officially arriving into the United States?

Ellis Island

<http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/ellis-island-history>

8. How many total immigrants came through Ellis Island?
9. What was the original purpose for Ellis Island?
10. Who was the first immigrant to enter the United States through Ellis Island?
11. How long would the inspection process take for each immigrant?
12. What 2 factors prevented someone from coming through Ellis Island?
13. What year had the most immigrants processed through Ellis Island? How many immigrants in that one year?

14. What were some of the immigration restrictions and who were the restrictions protecting?

Immigration Stories: Ireland

<http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/view-user-familyhistory/czoyOilyNyl7>

15. How did Margaret Feeny find her ancestral roots?

16. After researching, what did Margaret Feeny conclude? Why did her grandfather move to America?

Immigration Stories African-Americans

<http://www.libertyellisfoundation.org/view-user-familyhistory/czoyOilyOCI7>

17. What makes tracking genealogy hard for African Americans?

18. How did Char start her research?

19. What did Char find at the Library of Virginia about her ancestors?

1965 Immigration Act

<http://www.history.com/topics/us-immigration-since-1965>

20. What was the importance of the act? Think of the effects/impact.

Immigration Stats in the US

<http://www.cnn.com/2013/11/06/us/immigration-statistics-fast-facts/>

21. Compare/contrast the legal and illegal immigration statistics.

22. What are the trends with UAC's over the last few years? Why is this a huge problem?

23. What are the characteristics of UAC's?

Final thoughts: How has immigration changed in the U.S.? Did you see any trends or have further questions?