

**Directions:** *Using the textbook, please complete the following activity.*

1. How many immigrants came to the United States in the years between 1840 – 1860?

## More than 4 million

2. What two European countries sent the most immigrants to the U.S. during those years?

## Ireland & Germany

3. What two (2) GENERAL reasons did these people have for leaving their home countries?

## Fleeing economic or political troubles

	Irish Immigrants	German Immigrants
<i>Reasons for coming to the U.S.</i>	<b>1840's Potato blight led to famine &amp; starvation</b>	<b>Escape political persecution Some came for economic reasons</b>
<i>Where did they live in the U.S.?</i>	<b>Cities in Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania</b>	<b>Rural areas – settled the Midwest</b>

<p><i>Economic status when they arrived?</i></p>	<p><b>Very Poor</b></p>	<p><b>Working-class (had some money &amp; skills when they arrived)</b></p>
<p><i>Primary religious affiliation(s)?</i></p>	<p><b>Catholic</b></p>	<p><b>Protestant [Lutheran] (some Catholic &amp; Jewish)</b></p>
<p><i>What types of work / jobs did they find in America?</i></p>	<p><b>Unskilled jobs in cities</b></p> <p><b>Building canals &amp; railroads</b></p> <p><b>Servants for wealthy families</b></p>	<p><b>Low-paying jobs</b></p> <p><b>Tailors, Seamstresses, Bricklayers, Servants, Clerks, Cabinetmakers, Bakers, &amp; Food Merchants</b></p>

***“Push-Pull” Factors of Immigration***

<b>“Pull” Factors (to the United States)</b>		<b>“Push” Factors (from Europe)</b>
<b>Jobs</b>		<b>Starvation</b>
<b>Greater freedom &amp; equality</b>		<b>Poverty</b>
<b>Abundant land</b>		<b>Lack of political freedom</b>

4. What does the expression *“Push-Pull”* mean in the above chart?

**Factors & conditions that either draw a person to a place OR cause a person to want / need to leave a place**

5. What role did many immigrants play in the towns and cities of the U.S.?

**Filled the need for cheap labor**

6. What does to mean to be a *“Nativist?”*

**U.S. citizens who opposed immigration because they were suspicious of immigrants and feared losing their jobs to them**

7. What was the *Know-Nothing Party*?

**A political organization founded in 1849 by nativists who supported measures making it difficult for foreigners to become citizens and to hold office**

8. What happened to the *Know-Nothing Party*?

**Disagreements over the issue of slavery caused the party to fall apart**

9. What are *Tenements*?

**Poorly designed apartment buildings that housed large numbers of people  
Often overcrowded and led to unsafe living conditions**

10. What were some of the problems and dangers that cities and urban areas faced during the mid 1800's?

**Lack of safe housing**

**No clean water**

**No public health regulations**

**Garbage / sanitation problems**

**Crime**

**Lack of permanent law enforcement**

**Lack of fire protection**