

# Ellis Island

It was the gateway for millions of immigrants to the United States as the nation's busiest immigrant inspection station from 1892 until 1954.

# Angel Island

From 1910 to 1940, this immigration station processed approximately 1 million Asian immigrants entering into the United States.

# culture shock

It is the personal disorientation a person may feel when experiencing an unfamiliar way of life due to immigration or a visit to a new country, a move between social environments, or simply travel to another type of life

# Melting Pot

It is particularly used to describe the assimilation of immigrants to the United States

# Chinese Exclusion Act

It was one of the most significant restrictions on free immigration in U.S. history, prohibiting all immigration of Chinese laborers.

# Gentlemen's Agreement

It is an informal agreement between Japan and the United States to reduce the amount of immigrant to the United States.

# Golden Door

The U.S. was known by the Europeans as...

# Golden Mountain

The U.S. was known by the Asians as...

**discrimination**

The practice of unfairly treating a person or group of people differently from other people or groups of people.

**pull factors**

Factors that attract immigrants to move to another country.

**push factors**

Factors that repel immigrant from their native countries.

**immigrant**

A person who comes to a country to live there.

# nativism

It is the political position of demanding a favored status for certain established inhabitants of a nation as compared to claims of newcomers or immigrants.

## The Great Chicago Fire

This fire burned 90% of the city of Chicago in 1871.

## The San Francisco Earthquake

It struck San Francisco and the coast of Northern California at 5:12 a.m in 1906.

# restrict

to limit the amount or range of (something)

# American Dream

Its definition has changed for many Americans in different times.

# urbanization

the process by which towns and cities are formed and become larger as more and more people begin living and working in central areas

# americanize

to make (something or someone) American : to cause (something or someone) to have American characteristics

# ethnic neighborhoods

These neighborhoods are set apart from the main city by differences such as food , goods for sale, or even language.

**poverty**

the state of  
being poor

**Nickelodeon**

It was the first type  
of indoor exhibition  
space dedicated to  
showing projected  
motion pictures.

**row  
house**

One of a series of  
houses, often of similar  
or identical design,  
situated side by side  
and joined by common  
walls

**tenement**

a large building that  
has apartments or  
rooms for rent and  
that is usually in a  
poorer part of a city