



Immigration Lesson

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Push and Pull Factors

Let's discuss how has immigration impacted you personally?

What are Push and Pull Factors?

Instructions: At your table discuss what are push and pull factors in regards to immigration. Fill out the Graphic Organizer

Persistent Issue in History: What should society do to promote fairness and justice for people who live within its jurisdiction?

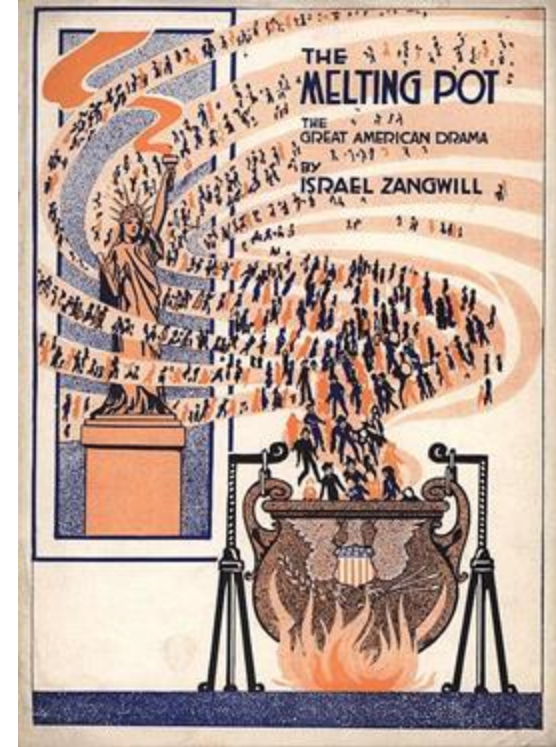
Central Question: To what extent has the US supported or opposed immigration over time? Support with evidence.

Take Home Interview

Go home and interview a family member, friend, or mentor to learn what they know about immigration in the United States and what their push and pull factors are. Complete the worksheet and return back to class ready to share.

HERE ARE THE FACTS! Immigration in US History over time

From 1607-1875 there was no official legislation to regulate immigration which allowed for more open borders to the United States. After 1875 major immigration entry to the United States was through Ellis Island and Angel Island. Today, immigration is a hot button topic with concerns with lower birth rates and questions about labor with the retiring generation.





Stations Activity

With your group you will visit each station. You are going to think about how each time period in American history has treated immigration policy over the last hundred years. Look for negatives, positives, or neutrals.



Expert Groups Activity

With your Expert Group you will research the resources on immigration in your assigned era. Fill out the Graphic Organizer as you learn about how immigrants were welcomed or viewed negatively during your time period. Afterwards, your expert group will report to the class with a 4 slide presentation. You will rank your time period with a 3 for Supportive, 2 for Neutral, or 1 for Opposed. Fill out your graphic organizer notes and record each groups ranking during the presentations.



Debrief/Deliberation

- Central Question: To what extent has the US supported or opposed immigration over time? Support with evidence.
- PIH: What should society do to promote fairness and justice for people who live within its jurisdiction?
- What was a Push Factor for you? What was a pull factor for you?
- What stood out to you in your Take Home Interview? What were some responses that surprised or shocked you?
- What immigration reform would you propose if you were taking on a role in Congress or the Senate?
- What's one thing you would change in U.S. immigration policy?

Summative Essay: Be the Historian!

You have studied the difficult topic of how US immigration has evolved over time in American History. You are now going to write an essay answering the question, *To what extent has the US supported or opposed immigration over time?* Support with evidence. Your letter should include 4 paragraphs and answer the question. You may reference your Push/Pull factors worksheet and your Document Analysis Graphic Organizer worksheet.
