

Chapter 20: Immigration & Urban Life
Pages 636-652

Section 1: A New Wave of Immigration

Vocabulary

steerage	
tenements	
sweatshops	

What countries did Old Immigrants come from?

What countries did New Immigrants come from?

How was the experience of immigrants at Ellis Island different from that of immigrants at Angel Island?

What is the Chinese Exclusion Act?

Read an Immigrant's Story on page 637 and answer the following question:

Why do you think Antin was both "fearing" and "rejoicing" during her trip?

Section 2: The Growth of Cities

Vocabulary

Mass Transit	
Suburbs	
Mass Culture	

What factors led to massive population growth in urban areas during the late 1800s and early 1900s?

What forms of mass culture were available in urban areas?

What groups of people began moving to cities in the late 1800s?

Read Connect to the Arts on page 644 and answer the following question:

Why do you think a city dweller might be attracted to Central Park?

Section 3: City Life

Vocabulary

Settlement Houses	
Hull House	

What challenges did many city residents face in the late 1800s?

How did Hull House help improve city life?

Would you have preferred to live in a city or in a suburb back then? Why?

Reading Skills

Read Understanding Historical Fact vs Historical Fiction on page 652 and answer the following question:

Which facts can be verified? Where would you look to verify them?