

Key Vocabulary

Blight: a. Any of numerous plant diseases resulting in sudden conspicuous wilting and dying of affected parts, especially young, growing tissues.

Catholic: **1** : a person who belongs to the universal Christian church
2 : a member of a Catholic church; *especially* : [roman](#)

Discrimination: unfair treatment of a person or group on the basis of prejudice

Famine:

1. A drastic, wide-reaching food shortage.
2. A drastic shortage; a dearth.
3. Severe hunger; starvation.

Immigrant: A person who leaves one country to settle permanently in another.

Know-Nothing Party: Nativist secret anti-Catholic society that eventually helped form the American Party.

Prejudice: a preconceived belief, opinion, or judgment made without recourse to [reason](#); drawing typically instead upon received information or upon instinctual preference.

Protestant: a member of any of several church denominations denying the universal authority of the Pope and affirming the Reformation principles of justification by faith alone, the priesthood of all believers, and the primacy of the Bible as the only source of revealed truth; *broadly* : a Christian not of a Catholic or Eastern church