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Chapter 13 North and South

Web Quest Political Cartoons

Peopling the New World: Immigration and Migration

Immigration

Beginning with the first Native Americans to come across the land bridge that existed at the end of the last ice age people have been migrating into that portion of North America that is now the United States.

Immigration has played an important part in the development of the United States. Unfortunately, every new group of immigrants has faced problems upon their arrival. Partially depending upon what part of the world the immigrants come from and partially upon the economic and political climate at the time of their arrival some groups receive a warmer welcome than others. During the decades between 1840 and 1860 millions of immigrants came to the United States looking for jobs in the new industries that were developing in the Northeastern United States. The largest of these immigrant groups during this time period were the Irish. By 1860 there were over 1.5 million Irish immigrants in the Northeast United States.

Check the listed sources and then answer the questions that follow.

<http://www.america.gov/st/diversity-english/2008/February/20080307131416byessedo0.6800043.html>

<http://www.spartacus.schoolnet.co.uk/USAEireland.htm>

1. Why did the Irish immigrate to the United States in such large numbers during the period 1840-1860?
2. In the minds of some Americans what about the Irish made them so different from earlier immigrants?