

Immigrant chart

	Italian	Jewish	Chinese	Mexican
Push/Pull factors	Push- poverty in Italy; bad land for farmers	*Push- racism in Russia, burning, looting, and killing, *Anti-Jewish laws	Pull- Many wanted gold in California	*Push- Revolution in Mexico between poor and rich
Travels to America	*Came by ship to America in the lowest ship class (steerage). *Steerage was crowded, had bad food, and smelled bad as well.	*Traveled by train to the European coast and then ship to America; *Spent time at Ellis Island to be allowed into the U.S.	*Traveled by ship to California, but detained at Angel Island in San Francisco (waiting to be processed as immigrants) *Some immigrants spent months or years on Angel Island	*Most came on foot with just what they could carry. *Some traveled by railroad to the U.S.
Obstacles faced	*Many had a lack of education in America. *Suffered from stereotypes of Italians being criminals and gangsters	*Private schools and clubs- most did not accept Jews *Not allowed to get jobs as doctors and lawyers due to prejudice	*Chinese Exclusion Act (1882)- law banning Chinese workers from coming to the U.S. *Housing was off limits to Chinese in different areas due to racism.	*Lower wages than white folks in America *Kids were bossed around by school peers *Not much power to change their working conditions
Contributions in America	*Worked in hard manual street labor (building sewers, cleaning streets, laying bricks, etc)	*Set up shops, newspapers and synagogues *Worked among other jobs as carpenters and watchmakers	*Helped build the transcontinental railroad, opened up laundromats, restaurants and stores *Used herbal medicines and set up Chinese newspapers	*Became ranchers, worked in agriculture (farming) *Set up barrios (Mexican neighborhoods) with their culture