

11004

ERAS 1–10 (BEGINNINGS–PRESENT)

THEMES: AMERICAN DIVERSITY, ECONOMIC
TRANSFORMATION, POLITICS AND CITIZENSHIP.

A NATION OF IMMIGRANTS

GUIDING QUESTIONS

Is America a land of opportunity?

Has immigration been the key to
America's success?

Should the United States limit immigration?



Immigrant Children at Ellis Island

TEACHER-TO-TEACHER

To answer the compelling questions, students could go in many different directions as this topic covers multiple eras and themes. This article from 1994 could be contrasted with a current event article regarding immigration issues such as HB 1070 in Arizona or the Dream Act legislation in Congress. The article states that immigration issues come and go on a cycle and arguments for and against are the same each time. Students could do a close read of the article looking for persuasive terminology, bias, and format. Students could then use the article to rebut or support their own stance on immigration. Students could also explain whether or not the arguments in the article are still valid today based on other current articles. This essay could be a precursor to reading the short story and/or novel listed to prepare for different perspectives on American immigration from both a native-born American and an immigrant. To give a representation of the broad topic of US immigration policy, the primary source documents included in this bundle cover a number of years and will provide students with many resources in which to answer the compelling questions. The article is very long with five parts; and introduction and four sections divided by immigration era.

Consider adapting Task 14 by asking students to create a Wordle that represents immigration from the late 1700s to the present day.

Literature Connection: Short story, **Geraldo, No Last Name** by Sandra Cisneros; **House on Mango Street** by Sandra Cisneros; **The Joy Luck Club** by Amy Tan; **The Namesake** by Jhumpa Lahiri; **My Antonia** by Willa Cather; **Angela's Ashes** by Frank McCourt.

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RECOMMENDED INSTRUCTIONAL STRATEGIES

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Wrestle with an Argument: Close Reading of an Argumentative Text

Task 8

Analyze and Compare Author Purpose

Task 14

Students vs. Wordle/VocabGrabber

Task 17

White Out

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Identifying Claim/Evidence

Task 24

QFT (Question Formulation Technique)

Task 25

Document Analysis/Sourcing

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make history