

FACES OF AMERICA

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“The Peopling of America”

Student Organizer Answer Key

1. Prior to 1820, where did the single largest group of immigrants come from? *(Africa.)*

What historical event(s) motivated their migration? *(The slave trade.)*

2. When was the slave trade banned in the United States? *(1808)*

3. During which period in American history did Irish immigration peak? *(1820-1880)*

What historical event(s) motivated their migration? *(The Irish Potato Famine)*

4. Who were the Know-Nothings and what did they stand for? *(A political party of the 1850s famous for its anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic leanings.)*

Which immigrant group in the 1850's do you think would have been their main target? *(Irish Catholics.)*

5. What nation has supplied the greatest number of immigrants to the United States since 1965? (*Mexico.*)

At what other point in American history has a similarly-sized group of immigrants arrived from a single nation? (*1880s-1930s*)

What was that nation? (*Italy.*)

6. What nation was a major source of immigrants during every period prior to 1965? (*Germany.*)