

Student Organizer 5

Immigration Policy Web Hunt

Answers to these questions can be found on the Web sites listed below, as well as in other reference sources, such as dictionaries and encyclopedias.

A Historical View of U.S. Immigration Policy

http://showme.missouri.edu/~socbrent/immigr.htm

Close Up Foundation Special Topic Page: U.S. Immigration Policy (July 1998).

http://www.closeup.org/immigrat.htm

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a government site

http://uscis.gov/graphics/index.htm

- 1. What does INS stand for?
- 2. What is a green card?
- 3. Name 6 paths to getting a green card, or Lawful Permanency Residency status.
- 4. According to the Immigration and Nationality Act, "any person who is outside any country of such person's nationality or, in the case of a person having no nationality, is outside any country in which such person last habitually resided, and who is unable or unwilling to return to, and is unable or unwilling to avail himself or herself of the protection of, that country because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion" can be termed a
- 5. What was the first national group to be forbidden by law to immigrate to the U.S., and which Act of Congress passed this exclusion into law?
- 6. Around what year did the number of immigrants to the U.S. peak?
- 7. Which president vetoed a bill requiring immigrants to pass a literacy test? Did the veto succeed in blocking the bill?
- 8. How did the National Origins Act of 1924 prevent many Eastern Europeans from immigrating to the U.S. during World War II? What other groups were affected?
- 9. When was the National Origins Act of 1924 repealed?
- 10. Which act signed in 1952 revised the National Origins Act of 1924, and who signed it?
- 11. When was the McCarran-Walter Act overturned, and why?
- 12. Why was there a rise in illegal immigration from Latin America beginning in 1965?
- 13. For the fiscal year 2003-2004, what is the ceiling for refugee admissions from Latin America-that is, the maximum number allowed to be admitted to the U.S.?
- 14. Approximately how many illegal aliens currently reside in the United States?

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