

1 | Immigration before the Civil War

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f2smxup513o&list=PLSuwqsAnJMtyg3R0p0ADVow1NV5kmskFM&index=42>

1.1 | Notes:

- 1815-1915, 30 million immigrants, huge number of immigrants
- mostly Europeans (old immigration)
 - Ireland was one of the main sources of immigrants
- Most of these immigrants went to the North
 - the Northern population grows
 - A lot of the immigrants come through New York
- Why was there an increase in European immigrants?
 - European population was growing fast
 - factory system was disrupting peoples way of working
 - agriculture system became more industrialized
 - craft labor was being pushed out of Europe in place of factories
 - there was also a lot of political "outcasts" that moved to the United States
 - A lot of the immigrants were poor
 - biggest push: the Irish Famine
- A lot of other places had an influx in immigrants as well
- The immigrants became the lowest part of the labor force, they did a lot of physical labor

2 | Immigrants in America:

Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6-UqUKFQa1s&list=PLSuwqsAnJMtyg3R0p0ADVow1NV5kmskFM&index=43>

2.1 | Notes:

- Immigrants tended to live with other immigrants from the same country
- they did not try to culturally assimilate
- there was a decent amount of cultural mixing
- Irish "cluster" together in ghettos, they become a target of anti immigrant sentiment
- The idea of being "Irish" was something that came with immigration
 - there were many different places in the territory known as Ireland, that didn't really have anything to do with each other except for geographical location.

- with migration these immigrants were clumped with people from the same place, but not necessarily the same background
- In these ghettos there is a increase in crime and disease, the immigrants living in the ghetto get blamed for it
- Immigrants saved money