

AP United States History

Women and Immigration During Industrialization

- Lowell System
 - Big factories had to "sweeten the pot" to attract women workers
 - This system saw housing and cash wages and social events organized by the mill
 - Women could live at housing provided by the factory
 - Living away from home for the first time, independence
- "Separate Spheres" Concept, Cult of Domesticity
 - Claim the a woman's "sphere" was in the home,
 - A refuge from the cruel world outside
 - Mostly middle class women
 - Role of women was to "civilize" her husband and family
 - This ideal discourages women from participating in public life
- Irish and Germans
 - The Irish faced much discrimination because they were Irish-Catholic
 - Irish mostly settle in the cities, while Germans tended to head west as farmers