Immigration- Study Guide

* **“New” immigrants** mostly came from southern & eastern Europe. Although some also came from Asia & Mexico, the majority came from Eastern Europe.
* **Most immigrants tended to settle in cities** (Urban areas) close to where they worked since rapid industrialization created many job opportunities.
* **Tenements**- overcrowded, unsanitary, poorly built apartments
* The **“melting pot”** idea is that all cultures blend into 1 American culture
* New immigrants settled in America-they kept their traditions, religious feasts & lived in “Ethnic” ghettos.
* **Cities grew** because Americans from the countryside moved to the city along with many immigrants. Factory jobs attracted them.
* The U.S. had an **open immigration policy** because there was a need for cheap labor/great demand for workers. This is why the U.S. placed few restrictions on immigration, especially before 1880.
* The first **immigration restriction laws** passed were against Asian countries (Chinese)
* A **NATIVIST** is a native born American. NATIVISM is discrimination against immigrants. The Nativist movement created anti-immigrant feelings because nativist’s felt immigrants would steal their jobs because they worked for lower wages & caused poverty. They also spoke different languages, ate different foods and celebrated different holidays.