

A New Urban Culture

Chapter 21

Immigration

- 1865-1915: more than 25 million immigrants come to the U.S.
- Why?
 - Push factors: conditions that drive people from their homes
 - Pull factors: conditions that attract immigrants to a new area

Push Factors	Pull Factors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scarce land • Farm jobs lost to new machines • Political and religious persecution • Revolution • Poverty and hard lives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promise of freedom • Family or friends already settled in the U.S. • Factory jobs available

- The journey:
 - Most could only afford to travel in steerage
 - Disease spread quickly
- **Ellis Island** in NYC, Angel Island in San Francisco--receiving stations for immigrants
 - Medical examination
 - Ethnic names often changed