



Welcome!

Today's Agenda

~ Lecture 13: The Golden Door



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Factors stimulating immigration:

~ Push Factors

- ~ economic conditions in Europe and Asia
- ~ political conditions in Europe and Asia
- ~ technology of transportation

Immigration to America was part of a massive global migration during the Gilded Age.



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Factors stimulating immigration (con't):

~ Pull Factors

~ jobs = freedom

~ "free" land

~ social mobility

Most immigrants to America did not intend to stay and returned to their home country or to another country.



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Immigrant life in America:

- ~ the world of work
 - ~ industrial laborers
 - ~ incomes
 - ~ working conditions

Class boundaries are drawn along ethnic and racial lines.



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Immigrant life in America:

- ~ the world of work
 - ~ industrial laborers
 - ~ from autonomous labor to directed labor
 - ~ from skilled to unskilled labor



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Immigrant life in America:

~ the world of work

~ income

~ real wages increased 50%



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Wages and Salaries at Chicago, Burlington & Quincy RR
1890

General Manager = \$15,000/year

Senior Executives = \$4,000/year

Middle Managers = \$1,500/year

Clerical Workers = \$800/year

Skilled Workers = \$500/year

Unskilled Workers = \$1.32/day (250 days/year)



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Immigrant life in America:

- ~ the world of work
 - ~ conditions
 - ~ long hours
 - ~ poor health and safety conditions



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Immigrant life in America:

- ~ the world of home and family
 - ~ ethnic enclaves
 - ~ mutual support organizations
 - ~ language and culture/assimilation



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Social mobility:

- ~modest but real
- ~varied among different immigrant groups
- ~higher levels for second generation