



The United States is sometimes called a nation of **immigrants**. Many people living in the U.S. today moved here from other countries or have ancestors who came here from other parts of the world. Since colonial times, people from around the world have come to the United States seeking freedom, refuge, and a better life for themselves and their children.

People from many different **ethnic groups** have immigrated to the United States. An ethnic group is a group of people who share the same language and culture. Look at the map that shows the major ethnic groups in the thirteen colonies. The colors on the map show where each group had settled by 1755.

1. To which ethnic group did most people in the colonies belong in 1755?
2. What ethnic group settled mostly in New York City and along the Hudson River?
3. Name three ethnic groups that settled in North Carolina.
4. At the time shown on the map, almost all people of African descent were slaves brought to the colonies by force, not by choice. According to the map, which colonies relied most on slave labor?
5. As the colonists moved west, they moved away from the coast and toward the Appalachian Mountains. What ethnic group settled most in mountainous areas?



The United States still has many immigrants from around the world. Many people who were born in the United States have immigrant parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents. One of the largest ethnic groups in the United States today is made up of **Latinos** (la-TEE-nohz), sometimes referred to as Hispanic people. Latinos come from Latin America, a term that generally includes the North and South American countries south of the United States, where languages based on Latin are spoken.

This map shows which states have the largest percentage of Latino people. Look at the colors on the map key. The darker shades are states that have higher percentages of Hispanics. The lighter shades are states that have lower percentages of Hispanics.

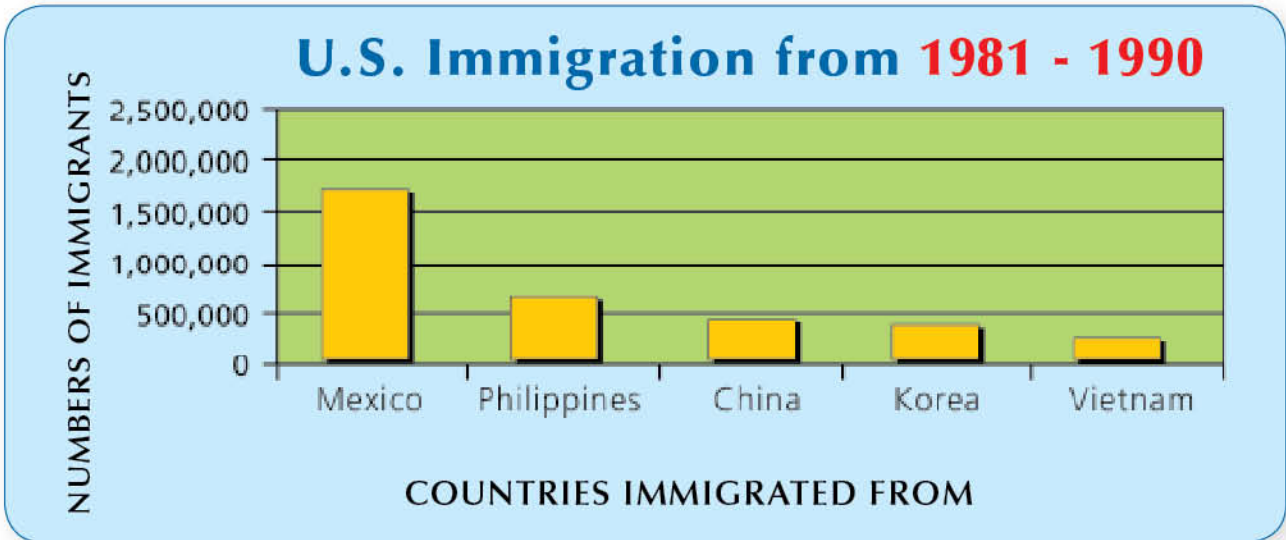
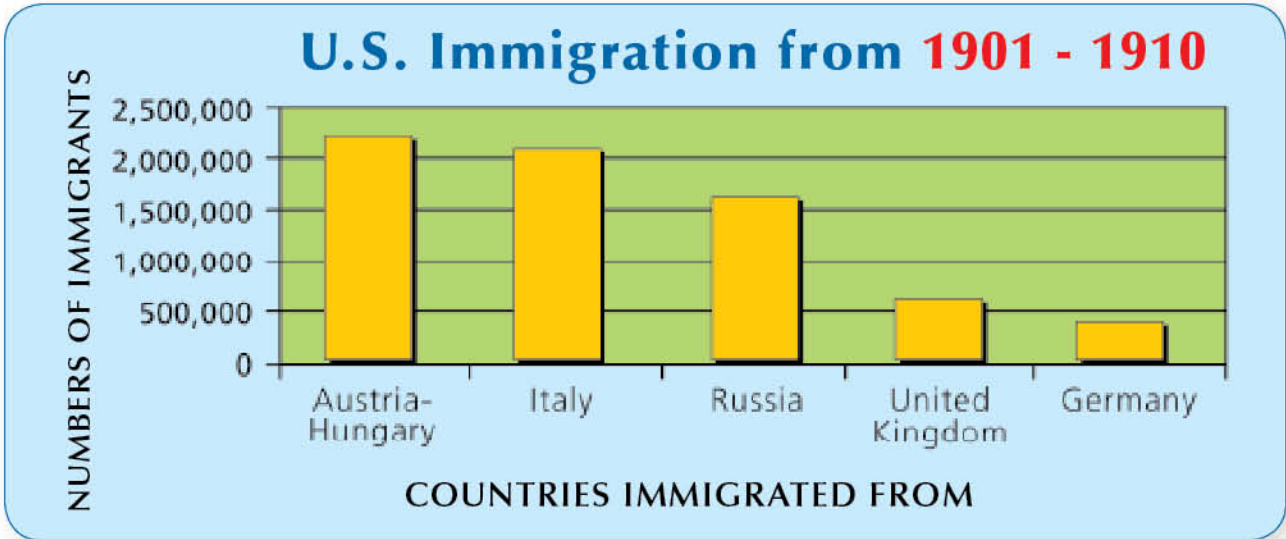
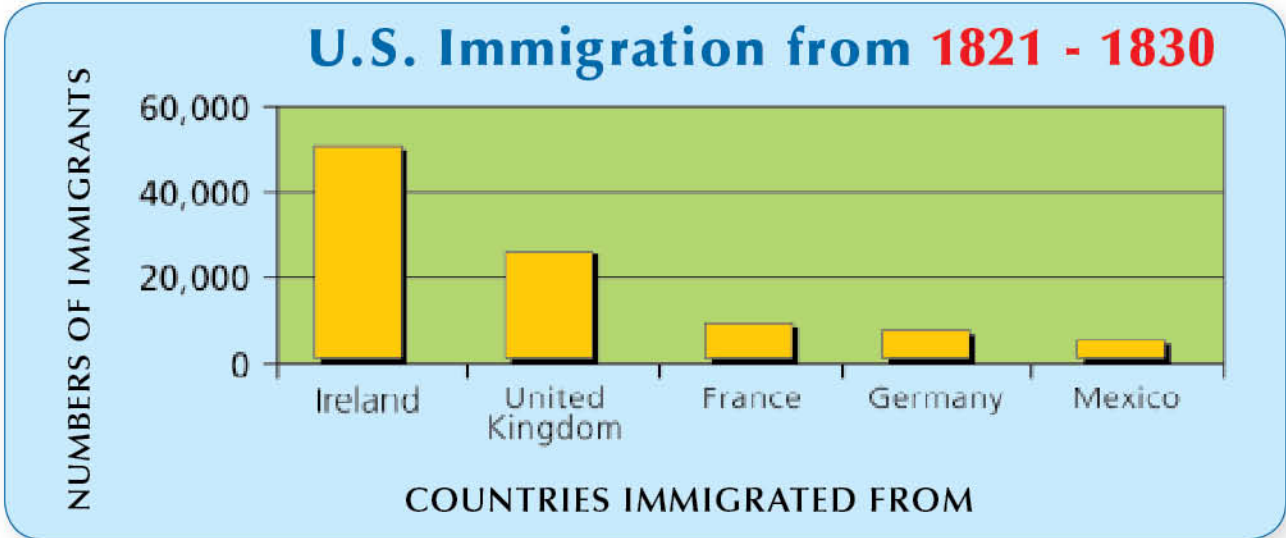


The map above shows the Latino population in each state as of the year 2000. Use the map key to help you answer the following questions.

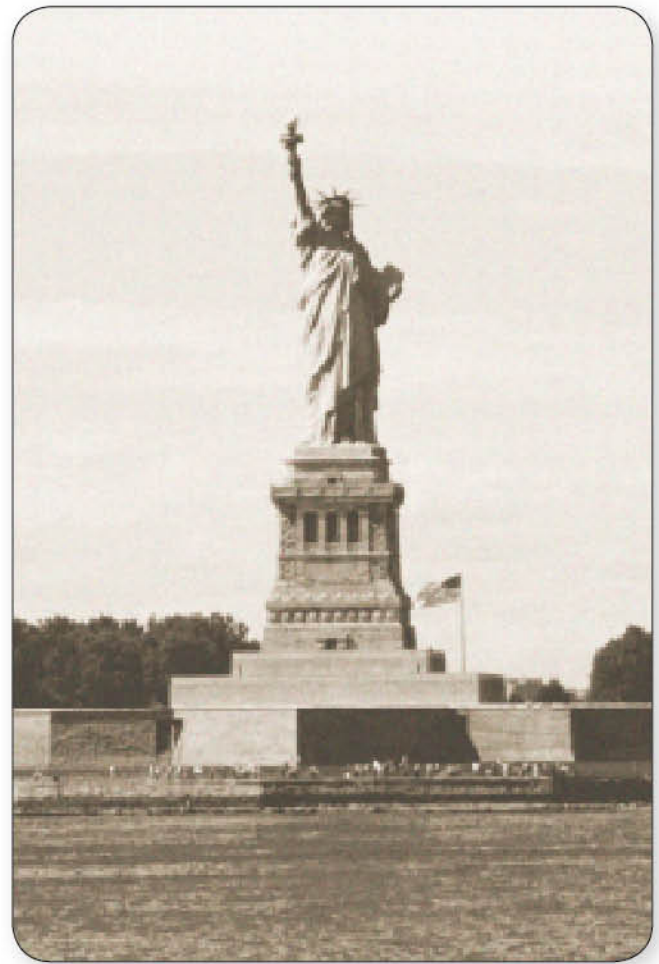
6. Which state has a higher Latino population, Texas or Virginia?
7. Which state has a lower Latino population, Ohio or Illinois?
8. Which two states west of the Mississippi River have the largest Latino populations?
9. The biggest urban areas in the United States are located in New York, California, Illinois, Texas, Pennsylvania, and Florida. Do these states have high or low Latino populations?



The bar graphs below show the five countries from which the largest number of immigrants came to the United States in a particular decade. The bars and the numbers (on the left side of each graph) show how many people came from each country. You have to estimate the numbers. For example, between 1821 and 1830, about 25,000 immigrants came from the United Kingdom to the United States.



10. From what country did the most immigrants come between 1821 and 1830?
11. From what country did the most immigrants come between 1901 and 1910?
12. From what country did the most immigrants come between 1981 and 1990?
13. Between 1901 and 1910, did more immigrants come from Russia or the United Kingdom?
14. During which decade did the most immigrants come to the United States from the United Kingdom?
15. Between 1821 and 1830, about how many immigrants came from France, 21,000 or 8,500?
16. Did more Latino immigrants come to the United States between 1821-1830 or between 1981-1990?



*The Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor welcomed many immigrants from Europe.*



## Skill Builder

### Review

1. Name at least three ethnic groups in the thirteen colonies.

*Use the charts on page 46 and the world map on pages 66-67 to help answer the following questions.*

2. Between 1901 and 1910, did more immigrants come from Europe or Asia?
3. Between 1981 and 1990, leaving out Mexico, did more immigrants come from Europe or Asia?

### Try It Yourself

Do immigrants make up part of your family? Where do your relatives and ancestors come from? Talk with family members to identify the immigrants in your past or present. Use the world map on pages 66-67 to locate where they came from.