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Module 21: Immigrants and Urban Life Essays

Essential Question Writing Activity

PROMPT

Historical Context

In this module, you learned how immigration and the rapid growth of cities impacted the lives of many Americans in the late 1800s. Now it's your turn to demonstrate your understanding of the module content by writing an essay.

Task

Write a persuasive essay that answers this question:

How did immigration and rapid urban growth shape life in the US?

1. Your essay should include key people, events, and turning points in United States history.
2. Cite evidence to support your position.
3. Organize your essay into an introduction, body, and conclusion.

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Document-Based Investigation Writing Activity

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Historical Context

In the late 1800s rapid industrialization in the United States led many people to move to American cities. Among these people were millions of Europeans. Some fled religious or political persecution in their countries of origin. Many came to find jobs. Most settled in large cities like New York City, Chicago, and Boston, where most manufacturing jobs were located.

Task

Immigrants to the United States often arrived with little money and few possessions. Yet they had to find a way to establish a life. What challenges faced immigrants who settled in America's urban areas? What opportunities did they encounter? Write an analytical essay that addresses these questions.

Complete the following steps as you plan and compose your essay.

1. Review your notes and sources before you start writing.
2. Use at least two of the sources in Part 1, and develop the topic with relevant, well-chosen text evidence from the documents.
3. Cite specific text evidence from each of the two sources in your response.
4. Plan your essay so that it includes an introduction, several body paragraphs, and a concluding paragraph.
5. Organize your essay in a clear and logical way that highlights comparisons and contrasts.