Immigration Notes

* Immigration: Moving and living in a new nation from another
* Great Potato Famine
  + Hit Ireland in 1840s
  + 1/3 of the average diet in Ireland,
  + The potato blight destroyed 75% of the crops in the nation over 2 years
  + Children were dying in the street
  + Around ½ of the nation left
  + 100,000s came to the US
* Coming to America
  + 14 million immigrates from 1860 to 1900
  + 14 day journey on boat
  + Coming to find better opportunities, escape religious persecution
* Ellis Island, NY Harbor
  + Main immigration port for people from the Atlantic side, Europe
  + Took about one day to process through
* Angel Island
  + Main immigration port for people from the Pacific side, Asia
  + More people were sent back compared to Ellis island
  + Muk uk- Wooden housing for immigrates
  + Mostly Chinese immigrates
  + The Chinese had more difficult tests and were check more for physical issues
  + Chinese exclusion Act- law banned Chinese for 10 years, act was not repealed until 1943
* Jobs of Immigrates
  + Most immigrates lived in large cities on the East coast
  + “Little Italy” and Lower East Side, Jewish immigrates
  + They worked in factories
  + Trans CRR was built mostly by Irish immigrates in the East and Chinese workers in the west
* Oklahoma Land Rush
  + This was a race for land in the Oklahoma territory, previously owned by the NAs
  + The US government gave away land as a part of the Homestead Act; 160 acres