

## Humanities 12 - Immigration Timeline

Period	Important Events
1607-1799	<p>1607 – English settlers arrive in America to Jamestown</p> <p>1619 – Importation of African slaves</p> <p>1670 – 10,000 indentured servants kidnapped and shipped to the colonies</p> <p>1773 – England stops immigration to the colonies and fines violators</p> <p>1798 – President can punish and deport immigrants. Alien &amp; Sedition Acts – John Adams (Anti-French laws)</p>
1800-1849	<p>1808 – Foreign slave trade becomes illegal</p> <p>1814-1850 – Native Americans can't be naturalized and forced from land</p> <p>1816 – Irish immigration begins</p> <p>1840 – Irish and Germans naturalized for the election</p> <p>1848 – Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo; ended the Mexican-American War; added all the Southwestern States and California; U.S. population grew in CA.</p> <p>1849 – Supreme Court rules that Congress alone can regulate immigration</p>
1850-1899	<p>1863 – Central Pacific RR hires foreigners to construct RR – primarily Chinese immigrants</p> <p>1864 – Congress tries to centralize immigration control</p> <p>1870 – Chinese immigration increases during Gold Rush</p> <p>1880s – First great wave of European immigrants – Central Europe, Italy</p> <p>1886 – Statue of Liberty unveiled</p> <p>1892 – Ellis Island opened</p> <p>1898 – Supreme Court confirms that 14<sup>th</sup> amendment applies to</p>

	everyone born in U.S.
1900-1949	<p>1900 – Act that grants citizenship to Japanese and Chinese immigrants</p> <p>1907 – Picture brides allowed immigrate</p> <p>1910 – Mexican Revolution</p> <p>1915-16 – U.S. Congress authorizes mounted border inspectors</p> <p>1917 – Immigration Act denies entry from Eastern Asia and Pacific Islands</p> <p>1921 – First quota on immigration becomes law</p> <p>1927 – U.S. Labor Secretary estimates over 1 million Mexican immigrants in country illegally</p> <p>1942 – FDR signs executive order sending Japanese immigrants to internment camps; Supreme Court justifies it.</p> <p>1943 – Bracero Program brings 5 million Mexican laborers to the U.S. to work on farms and RRs.</p>
1950-1999	<p>1952 – Immigration and Nationality Act created</p> <p>1954 – Ellis Island closes</p> <p>1965 – Hart-Seller Act abolishes immigration criteria based on origin, race, and gender</p> <p>1975 – Refugee program for people from IndoChina</p> <p>1980 – Refugee Act allows persecuted individuals to seek asylum</p> <p>1986 – Comprehensive Immigration law under Reagan signed into law. Provides citizenship for 2.7 million undocumented immigrants and includes fines for businesses hiring undocumented workers.</p> <p>1990 – Immigration Act increased limits on immigration and made it harder for the government to deport people</p> <p>1994 Prop 187 passes in CA. This law forced public employees to check papers, including schoolteachers and report to</p>

	<p>immigration officials on people.</p> <p>1994 – NAFTA – North American Free Trade Agreement passes has a big impact Mexico’s economy</p> <p>1996 – Anti-Terrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act tightened immigration for National Security.</p> <p>1996 – Public assistance was denied for legal immigrants</p> <p>1996 – Illegal Immigrant Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act allowed 300K illegal immigrants to become citizens</p>
2000-present	<p>2000 – LIFE act grants legalization to qualified immigrants</p> <p>2001 – 9/11</p> <p>2002 – New law updates visa and travel requirements</p> <p>2004 – Minuteman “vigilantes” start patrolling border</p> <p>2006 – Secure Fence act bolsters the border fence with Mexico</p> <p>2007 – U.S. Homeland Security estimates 11.8 million undocumented workers; 59% from Mexico</p> <p>2007 – Proposal for immigration reform fails in Congress</p> <p>2010 – Arizona SB 1070 – Allows state police to ask for papers if they have a reasonable suspicion that someone is illegal. Controversy over racial profiling.</p> <p>2011 – U.S. Supreme Court upholds Arizona law punishing businesses who hire undocumented.</p> <p>2013 - “Gang of Eight” bipartisan proposal passes Senate</p>