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Today, immigrants continue to come to the United States. They come for many of the same reasons they did long ago. They come to escape conflict, or problems, in their home countries, such as war. They come for the chance to do great things in America, too!

Immigration has also changed through the years. In the past, most immigrants came from Europe. Today, immigrants come to the United States from all over the world. They bring diversity, or many different ideas and ways of living.



↓ Many immigrants come from Asia. They are from India, China, Korea, and other countries. Asian immigrants come for different reasons. They may want better jobs or education. Some come to join family members already here.

↓ Some immigrants come from the Middle East. They often come because they disagree with the government in their countries. They also come to escape war. They want freedom in America. These immigrants come from Iraq, Syria, and other countries.



↓ It is unsafe to live in some parts of Central America. Immigrants come from countries such as El Salvador and Guatemala to get away from conflict at home. Immigrants from South America often join family members who have already immigrated. They come from countries such as Peru and Brazil.



↑ Immigrants come from other countries in North America. Many immigrants come from Mexico. They also come from Caribbean islands, such as the Dominican Republic. They hope to have better lives in America.

↑ Immigrants come from all over Africa. They are from countries such as Egypt, Ethiopia, Nigeria, and Ghana. Some come to get away from bad living conditions and conflict. Others come for new job opportunities or to join family members.



THINK PIECE!

Why do you think immigration has changed through the years? How is transportation more modern now than it was 150 years ago? Does this make immigration easier or harder?