

8SS Newsletter – 10.26.20

Hello 8th Grade Families,

This week, the students will begin a new unit on Immigration & Urbanization. By 1914, as many Americans lived in cities as in rural areas. Between 1860 and 1910, the urban population of the nation grew from a little over 6 million people to more than 40 million. During these years of urban growth, many aspects of modern city life emerged. Problems arose, such as poverty, crime, and inadequate housing, but benefits such as daily newspapers, libraries, and public parks appeared as well.

Students will begin by comparing the "old" immigration of the mid-1800s to the "new" immigration of the late 1800s and early 1900s. They will then explore life as an immigrant and try to understand the experiences of immigrants as they traveled to America and landed at either Ellis Island or Angel Island. Students will then examine the growth of cities and the changing American culture.

All materials and assignments are on the Social Studies Google Classroom. Please let me know if you have any questions.

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Mrs. Esquivel