

Compare and Contrast

KEY STANDARD
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Immigration Then and Now

As you read in “The Great Immigration Debate,” Americans have been arguing over immigration policies for hundreds of years. Although some of the specifics have changed over time, many aspects have remained the same. Using the article, answer the questions below to compare and contrast Americans’ treatment of immigrants.

1. What reasons did immigrants have for coming to the U.S. from the 1860s to 1880s? What reasons do they have today?

2. What reasons did the American Party give in the 1840s to encourage immigration reform?

3. How do those reasons compare with current arguments for stronger immigration control?

4. What are some ways the U.S. government limited immigration in the past?

5. How do President Donald Trump’s immigration policies compare with some of the stricter policies of the past?
