

# **Unit 3: Migration**

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(interviewee was my grandmother)



#### What countries did your grandparents come from?

- Mother's parents camefrom Poland. They met when they got to the country
- Father's parents came from Ireland. They met on the boat coming to the country.



#### Why did your grandparents move to the country?

 Father's parents came because of religious fighting between the Catholics and Protestants and for better work opportunities.

Mother's parents came for work



#### What kind of work did they find in America?

- Father's father was a gardener and father's mother was a school teacher.
- Mother's father was a barber and mother did not work.



#### Were they a part of a migration movement?

- Polish immigrants came to the country between 1860 and World War I
- Irish Immigrants came to the country between 1790 and 1860.

### **Polish Migration**

- Most of the Polish came to America during the 1800s for economical, political, and religious reasons.
- Most people from Poland were illiterate and lacked the skill that they needed to obtain a job in the country.
- The first wave of immigrants fleeing to the United States came between 1860 and World War I.
- This wave was mostly made up of uneducated people and peasants of the country
- The land in the country was very poor for crops to grow on, which is a reason why many people moved to the United States.
- Fewer than 2,000 Poles came to the country at this point in time

## **Irish Migration**

- People moved from Ireland to the United states between 1790-1860.
- They moved because of fighting between the Catholics and Protestants.
- The Catholics greatly outnumbered the Protestants.
- There were also better work opportunities in the United states, compared to Ireland.
- Poverty and disease were also problems in Ireland during the middle 1800s.
- Potato crops were contaminated by a fungus, making them inedible and poisonous.
- More than 500,000 Irish immigrants came to the United states at this time period.

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