Immigration Related Sources

Websites:

There are many websites on immigration. This list is just a small selection of sites for the exploration of issues related to past and current immigration, as well as photographs, documents, and oral histories.

US Immigration by Region and Decade: 1821-2000 (chart) includes push-pull factors; other lesson plans and background information available from Johnstown Era Heritage Association and Discovery Center. [www.jaha.org](http://www.jaha.org) (document can be found at [www.jaha.org/edu/discovery_center/push-pull/chart_w_events.html](http://www.jaha.org/edu/discovery_center/push-pull/chart_w_events.html))


Book of photos titled “Quarantine Sketches” published c. 1902-03, shows landing at Ellis Island, medical and legal inspection, hospitals, and departing Ellis Island. [http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~quarantine/mal00.htm](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~quarantine/mal00.htm)

From PBS.org

The Border – examines contemporary life along US-Mexican border
[http://www.pbs.org/kpbs/search/?q=the+border](http://www.pbs.org/kpbs/search/?q=the+border)

The First Measured Century – examines waves of immigration
[http://www.pbs.org/fmc/timeline/eimmigration.htm](http://www.pbs.org/fmc/timeline/eimmigration.htm)

The New Americans – contemporary immigrants
[http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/newamericans/foreducators_index.html](http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/newamericans/foreducators_index.html)

Digital History “Ethnic Voices” section – immigration photos, lesson plans, etc includes African American migration (forced immigration) and Chinese Immigration
[http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/voices/voices.cfm](http://www.digitalhistory.uh.edu/voices/voices.cfm)

New York Public Library – photos of Ellis Island buildings and immigrants

Image Detective – Interactive reading a photograph activity on-line, includes immigration as a topic

National Park Service Website on Ellis Island
[www.nps.gov/elis](http://www.nps.gov/elis)

Digital Book Index – Primary source texts about immigration on-line, printable
[http://www.digitalbookindex.com/_search/search010hstusimmigdeniala.asp](http://www.digitalbookindex.com/_search/search010hstusimmigdeniala.asp)

Be a Historian – Immigration – Interactive website teaches process of historical research
[http://www.campsilos.org/excursions/grout/one/index.htm](http://www.campsilos.org/excursions/grout/one/index.htm)
Manifest Markings – explanation of markings on manifests and other information about the immigration process
http://www.jewishgen.org/infofiles/Manifests/

Immigration to the United States, 1789-1930 - selected documents from Harvard University library and archives related to immigration
http://ocp.hul.harvard.edu/immigration/

Terence Vincent Powderly and Ellis Island, 1897-1901 – Catholic University’s archives of photos and documents from the former Commissioner General of Immigration
https://cuexhibits.wrlc.org/exhibits/show/powderlyellis/powderlycoll/aboutcoll

Additional Resources

Photographs/video:
Jacob Riis and Lewis Hine photos - http://xroads.virginia.edu/~MA01/Davis/photography/slideshows/slideshows.html
Photos of Bridgeport, CT., workers and factories, 1900 – 1920 - http://www.bridgeporthistory.org/
Lewis Hine photos with original captions by Hine - http://www.historyplace.com/unitedstates/childlabor/
Iron and Steel workers in Gary, Indiana- http://www.letrs.indiana.edu/cgi-bin/ussteel-idx.pl?type=browse&q1=Iron+%26amp%3B+steel+workers
Anthracite coal Miners in Pennsylvania - https://hsp.org/history-online/exhibits

Web Sites with documents and other primary sources:
National Archives - http://www.archives.gov/digital_classroom
Department of Labor - http://www.dol.gov
Immigration Act of 1891 - https://www.cbp.gov/about/history/1891-immigration-inspection-expands

Authors/Photographers:
Jacob Riis, Lewis Hine and John Spargo were writers and photographers who photographed the plight of immigrants, working conditions and working children.
Upton Sinclair and other “Muckrakers” of the Progressive Era were writers of fiction and non-fiction whose works are relevant to immigrants and working conditions.

Related Field Trips:
Lower East Side Tenement Museum, New York City
Ellis Island
Bibliography
Stories Past and Present: The Literature of Immigration

There are many books written for children and adults about the experience of immigration to America and about the passage to America for enslaved people. For this bibliography, books that were chosen reflect the immigrant experience as they begin their new lives in America. There was also special attention given to books/literature written by immigrants about their personal experiences of immigration, being an immigrant in a new country, and also the experiences of those individuals who were enslaved. Although there are some stories listed below, this is just a small selection of the literature of immigration that is out for children and adults of all ages. To find even more immigration literature options, visit the link below for the New York Public Library.

New York Public Library: The Immigrant Experience Through Literature
https://www.nypl.org/collections/nypl-recommendations/lists/immigrant-experience-through-literature

Elementary Grades:


Brett Harvey, Immigrant Girl: Becky of Eldridge Street (New York: Holiday House, 1987). (Russia)


Elvira Woodruff, The Orphan of Ellis Island – Time Travel Adventures (New York: Scholastic Paperbacks, 2000). (Italy)

Middle Grades:


**Upper Grades:**


Fae Myenne Ng, *Bone* (New York: Harper Perennial, 1993). (China)


For Educators:

(NOTE: Portions of some of these books may be used as read-alouds with younger grades or as additional readings for middle or upper grade students)


