

Natives and Newcomers Academic Vocabulary

Quickwrite:

Do you consider yourself a “native” or a “newcomer”? Why?

Native

a person born in a
specified place or
associated with a place
by birth, whether
subsequently resident
there or not



Immigration/immigrant

The action of coming to live permanently in another country

a person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country



Immigrant arriving at Ellis Island



Migration/migrant

Refers to the movement of people from one place to another, often to find work or better living conditions.

A person who moves from one place to another for work or better living conditions



“Great Migration” of African Americans from South to North

Westward Expansion

Westward expansion, the 19th-century movement of settlers into the American West, began with the Louisiana Purchase and was fueled by the Gold Rush, the Oregon Trail and a belief in "manifest destiny."



John Gast, American Progress, 1872.
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Manifest Destiny

the 19th-century
doctrine or
belief that the
expansion of the
US throughout
the American
continents was
both justified
and inevitable



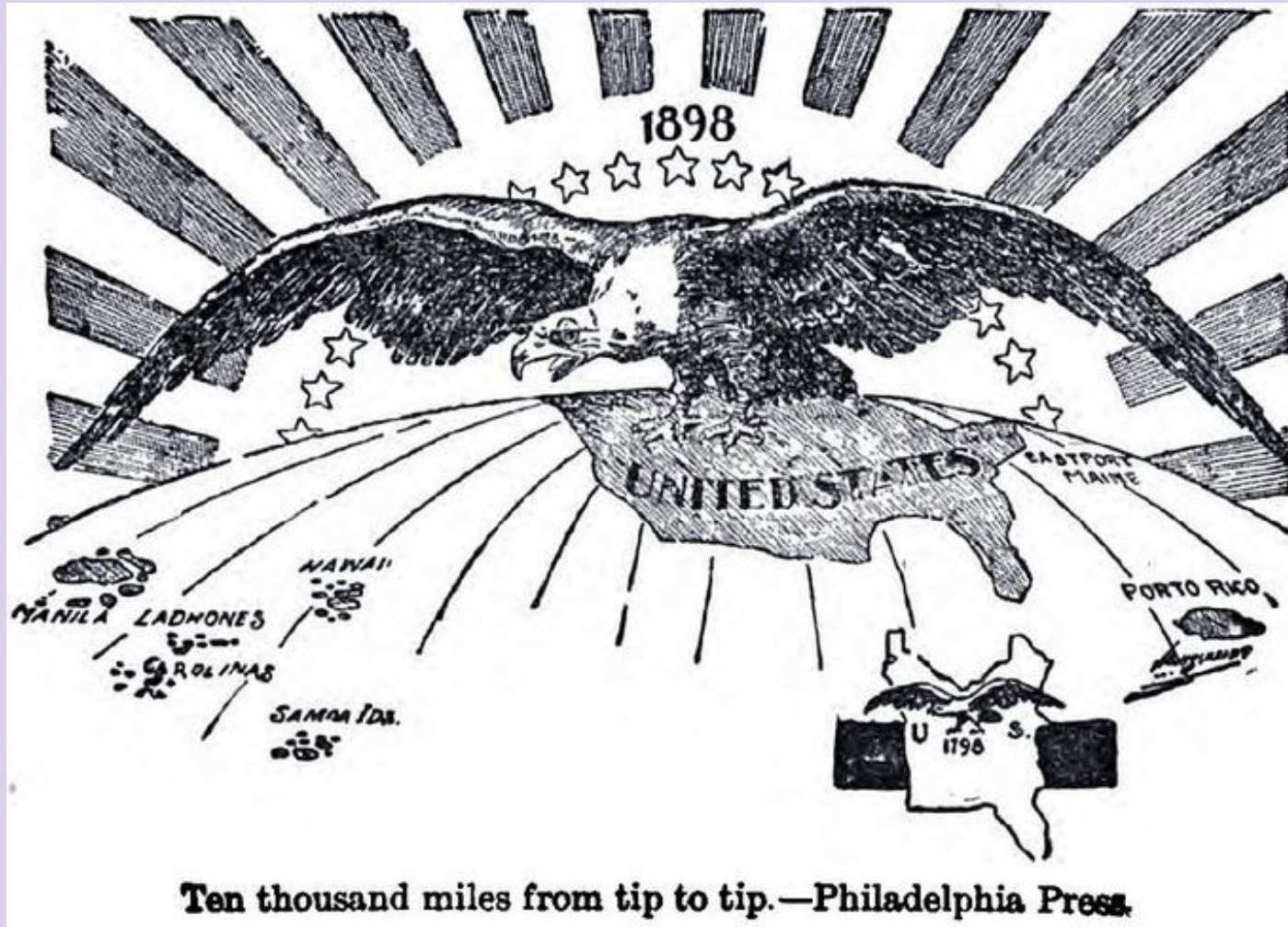
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Imperialism

a policy of extending a country's power and influence through diplomacy or military force.



Ten thousand miles from tip to tip.—Philadelphia Press.

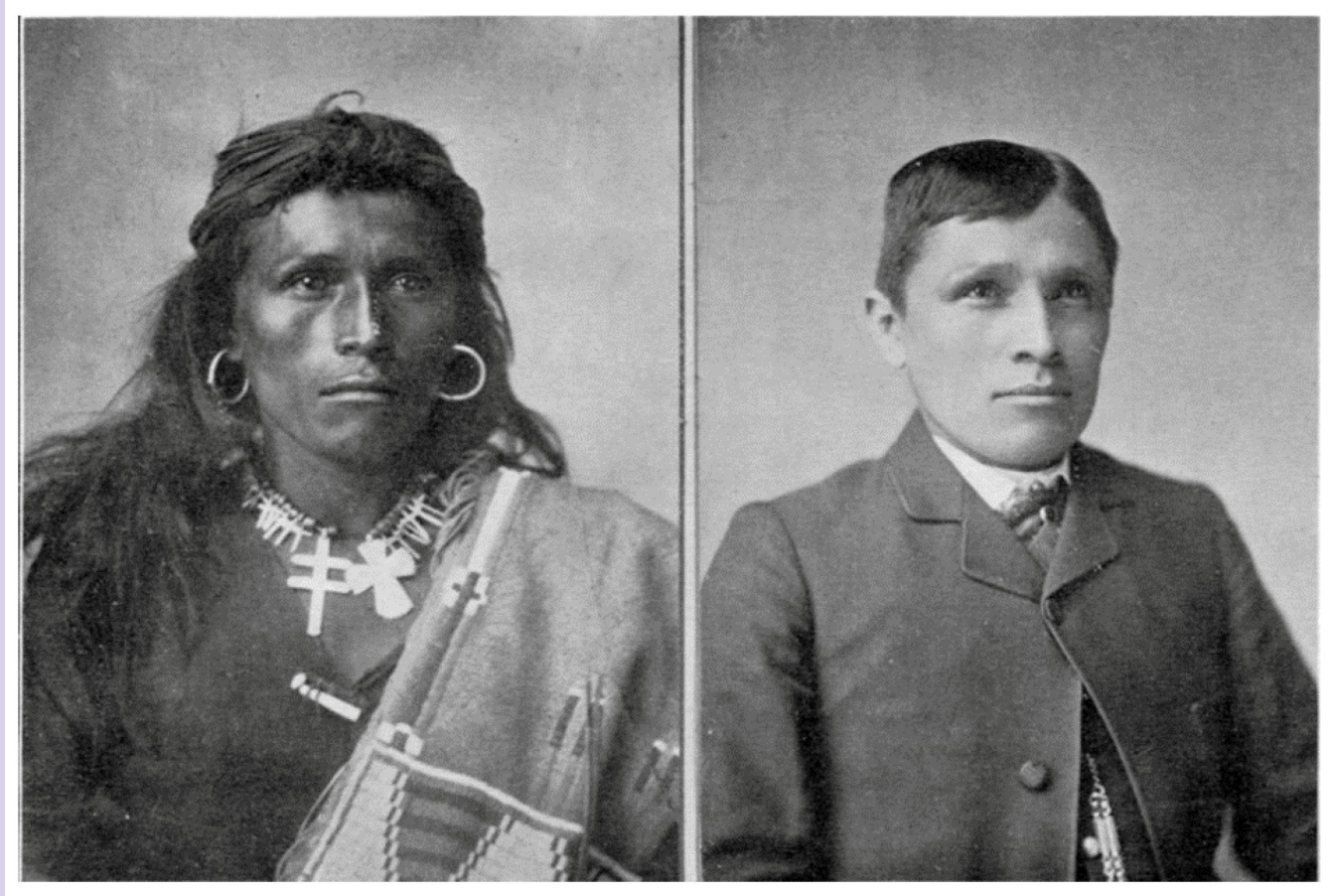
Manifest Destiny Rap

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qrjg9uIR-xo>

Assimilation

Refers to the coercion of Native peoples to adopt “American” things like culture and language.

It can also refer to immigrants voluntarily adopting “American” cultural values



Growth of the United States 1783-1853

Growth and Change 1783-1853

Pair and Share:

Where would immigration, migration, and assimilation be occurring on this map?

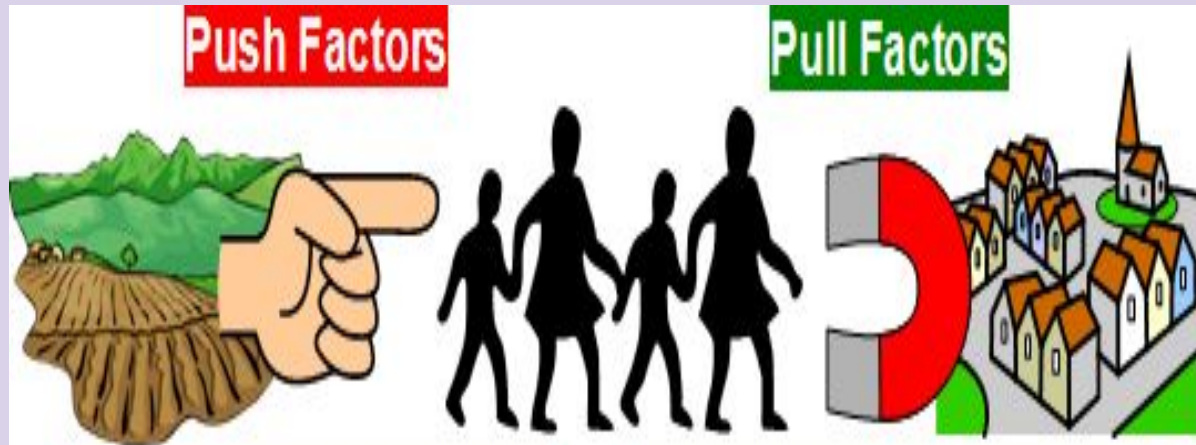


Push-Pull Factors

Factors that “push” people away from an area or “pull” people to an area to explain why people migrate.

The Homestead Act offered Western settlers free land which “pulled” many to the West.

Low-paying jobs in the East was a “push” factor.



- few services
- lack of job opportunities
- unhappy life
- poor transport links
- natural disasters
- wars
- shortage of food

- access to services
- better job opportunities
- more entertainment facilities
- better transport links
- improved living conditions
- hope for a better way of life
- family links

What about you?

Write:

What factors “pushed” you and/or your family to SW Colorado?

What factors “pulled” you and/or your family to SW Colorado?

What factors may “push” you away from this area?

What factors may “pull” you away from this area?

Watch the following video on “Facts of the Old West”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3mv9y-K6kuY>

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Write two things that challenged their assumptions about the Old West. Explain why your assumptions were challenged.