

Reasons for Coming

Read how different families came to the United States for different reasons.

SS.2.A.2.5 "Identify reasons people came to the United States throughout history."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline every reason people came to the United States. Write 1 beside freedom to worship, 2 beside jobs or farmland, and 3 beside safety or a new start.

Why People Came

- ① In the 1600s, some English families crossed the Atlantic Ocean to places that became part of the United States. Some wanted freedom to worship in their own way. They hoped to make communities where they could follow their beliefs.
- ② During the 1800s, many people came from countries such as Ireland, Germany, and China. Some looked for jobs in growing towns, on railroads, or in factories. Others wanted farmland. They hoped hard work could help their families have enough food and money.
- ③ In the 1900s and later, people arrived from many parts of the world. Some left places with war or unfair treatment. They came seeking safety and a new start. Families hoped to build safer lives and give their children more chances.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 Why did some English families come in the 1600s?

2 What were two reasons people came during the 1800s?

3 Why did some people come in the 1900s and later?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Complete the chart with one reason people came from each paragraph. Use details from the passage.

TIME	REASON FOR COMING	WHAT THEY HOPED FOR

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline every reason people came to the United States. Write 1 beside freedom to worship, 2 beside jobs or farmland, and 3 beside safety or a new start. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why did some English families come in the 1600s?	They wanted freedom to worship in their own way and follow their beliefs.
2	What were two reasons people came during the 1800s?	They looked for jobs and wanted farmland.
3	Why did some people come in the 1900s and later?	They left war or unfair treatment and sought safety and a new start.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

TIME	REASON FOR COMING	WHAT THEY HOPED FOR
1600s	Freedom to worship in their own way	Follow their beliefs
1800s	Jobs or farmland	Enough food and money
1900s and later	Safety and a new start	Safer lives and more chances for their children

Accept equivalent wording for the passage reasons and hopes. For the chart, students should include one accurate detail from each time period and keep all details supported by the passage.