

Florida Builders

Read how immigrant groups helped Florida communities grow.

SS.4.A.6.2 "Summarize contributions immigrant groups made to Florida."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the name of each immigrant group. Circle one contribution from each group that you could use in a summary.

New Neighbors, Growing Communities

- ① In the late 1800s, many Cuban immigrants came to Tampa. They worked in cigar factories in the Ybor City area. Skilled workers rolled tobacco leaves into cigars by hand. The factories gave jobs to many people and helped Tampa grow into an important cigar-making city. Cuban families also opened stores, clubs, and newspapers that built community life.
- ② Greek immigrants began arriving in Tarpon Springs in the early 1900s. Many were experienced sponge divers from Greece. They used diving skills to harvest natural sponges from the Gulf of Mexico. Their work made Tarpon Springs a major sponge center. Greek families brought foods, music, and celebrations, adding to the town's culture and business life.
- ③ People from the Bahamas also settled in Key West and other parts of South Florida during the 1800s. Many worked on boats, caught fish and turtles, and built homes suited to the warm climate. Some helped with wrecking, rescuing goods from ships that ran aground. Bahamian traditions, including food and building styles, became part of Florida's coastal communities.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 How did Cuban immigrants help Tampa grow?

2 What skill did Greek immigrants use in Tarpon Springs, and what did their work do for the town?

3 Name two ways Bahamian immigrants contributed to Florida's coastal communities.

4 How did Cuban and Greek immigrants each add to community life besides doing their main work?

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Write a three-sentence summary of immigrant contributions to Florida. Name Cuban, Greek, and Bahamian immigrants, and explain one contribution from each group.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the name of each immigrant group. Circle one contribution from each group that you could use in a summary. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	How did Cuban immigrants help Tampa grow?	They made cigars in factories that gave people jobs and helped Tampa become an important cigar-making city.
2	What skill did Greek immigrants use in Tarpon Springs, and what did their work do for the town?	They used sponge-diving skills to harvest natural sponges, making Tarpon Springs a major sponge center.
3	Name two ways Bahamian immigrants contributed to Florida's coastal communities.	They worked on boats, caught fish and turtles, built homes, and helped rescue goods from ships that ran aground. Accept any two.
4	How did Cuban and Greek immigrants each add to community life besides doing their main work?	Cuban families opened stores, clubs, and newspapers. Greek families brought foods, music, and celebrations.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Cuban immigrants helped Tampa grow by making cigars and building businesses. Greek immigrants used sponge-diving skills to make Tarpon Springs a sponge center. Bahamian immigrants supported coastal life through boat work, fishing, and wrecking.

Accept summaries that name all three groups and accurately explain at least one contribution for each. Students may use different contribution details from the passage for Cuban and Bahamian immigrants.