The New Immigrants - Activity

Part A. Build Vocabulary

Key Terms Write the term in each blank that best completes the statement.

> **melting pot:** mixture of different cultures living together
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> **nativism:** open favoritism toward native-born Americans
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> **felony:** any one of the most serious crimes under the law, including murder, rape, and burglary
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> **progressive:** favoring advancement toward better conditions or new ideas

1. Before they could enter the United States, immigrants had to prove they had never been convicted of a _____, or serious crime.

2. Immigrants from countries such as Germany or Britain were seen as being _____, or favoring advancement toward new ideas.

3. Many native-born Americans saw their country as a _____, with people different cultures blending together.

4. Open favoritism to native-born Americans, or _____, was one response to increased immigration.

Part B. Cooperative Work

Complete the chart by working with your group to determine the answers.

Immigrants from . . .	What countries did they come from?	Why did they come?	Where did they enter the U.S.?
1. Southern and Eastern Europe			☐ Ellis Island ☐ Angel Island ☐ Southeastern U.S. ☐ Southwestern U.S.
2. Asia			☐ Ellis Island ☐ Angel Island ☐ Southeastern U.S. ☐ Southwestern U.S.
3. Caribbean Islands and Central America			☐ Ellis Island ☐ Angel Island ☐ Southeastern U.S. ☐ Southwestern U.S.