

Test Prep

Directions: Go to Schoology and find the Immigration Articles folder. Click on the link for the Coming to America article. Use the password hms2024 to login.

Know the News: Coming to America

Read the article on pp. 4-5, then answer the questions.

1. Which is a central idea of the article?

- Ⓐ Immigrants make up a significant part of the U.S. population.
- Ⓑ President Donald Trump and some lawmakers have criticized immigration.
- Ⓒ Quotas can reduce the number of immigrants from certain parts of the world.
- Ⓓ North Dakota has seen a rise in immigrants.

2. Which statement best supports that central idea?

- Ⓐ "Other lawmakers say immigration is important to the nation's well-being."
- Ⓑ "One in five United States residents is an immigrant . . . or the young child of an immigrant."
- Ⓒ "North Dakota has taken in refugees from countries such as Iraq and Somalia."
- Ⓓ "In 1965, a new law did away with the quotas and changed the nation's immigrant population."

3. Which is true of current U.S. immigrants?

- Ⓐ They make up a larger share of the U.S. population than they have in more than 100 years.
- Ⓑ They all arrived in the United States by 1910.
- Ⓒ They are mostly from Mexico.
- Ⓓ They settle only in states with high foreign-born populations.

4. What does *comprised* mean in the following sentence? "However, among *all* immigrants living in the U.S., not just new ones, Latin Americans still comprise the largest group."

- Ⓐ compare with Ⓒ make up
- Ⓑ challenge Ⓓ follow

5. What was the author's purpose for including the section "Shifting Laws"?

- Ⓐ to persuade more states to host immigrants
- Ⓑ to explain some of the history of immigration
- Ⓒ to give details about Trump's immigration plan
- Ⓓ to show why immigrants from Latin America wanted to come to the U.S.

6. What was an effect of the 1965 law removing immigration quotas?

- Ⓐ Large numbers of Europeans fled poverty and violence in their home countries.
- Ⓑ Immigration sharply decreased, except from northern Europe.
- Ⓒ A new wave of immigrants arrived from Asia and Latin America.
- Ⓓ The number of Iraqi immigrants declined.

7. How do the circle graphs on p. 5 add to the article?

- Ⓐ They depict how the total number of immigrants has changed over time.
- Ⓑ They illustrate which places send the highest percentage of college-educated immigrants.
- Ⓒ They show how the places of origin of the U.S. immigrant population has changed over time.
- Ⓓ They persuade readers to push for more immigration from Canada and Oceania.

8. Which of these statements is an opinion?

- Ⓐ Data show immigrants will make up more than 15 percent of the U.S. population by 2025.
- Ⓑ Asians make up the largest group of newcomers to the U.S.
- Ⓒ Mexico's economy has improved in recent decades.
- Ⓓ Immigrants contribute greatly to our culture.

9. How has the number of Mexican immigrants changed since 2010?

- Ⓐ It stayed the same. Ⓒ It decreased.
- Ⓑ It doubled. Ⓓ It tripled.

10. What conclusion can you draw from the article?

- Ⓐ Immigrants prefer to come to the U.S. as students.
- Ⓑ Many U.S. lawmakers are recent immigrants.
- Ⓒ The number of immigrants will decline over the next decade.
- Ⓓ The number of immigrants in the U.S. will continue to rise.

Reading a Graph

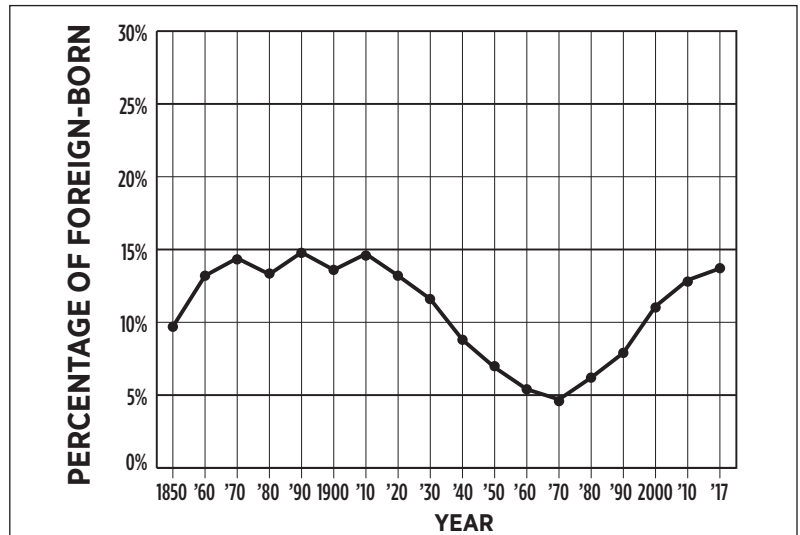
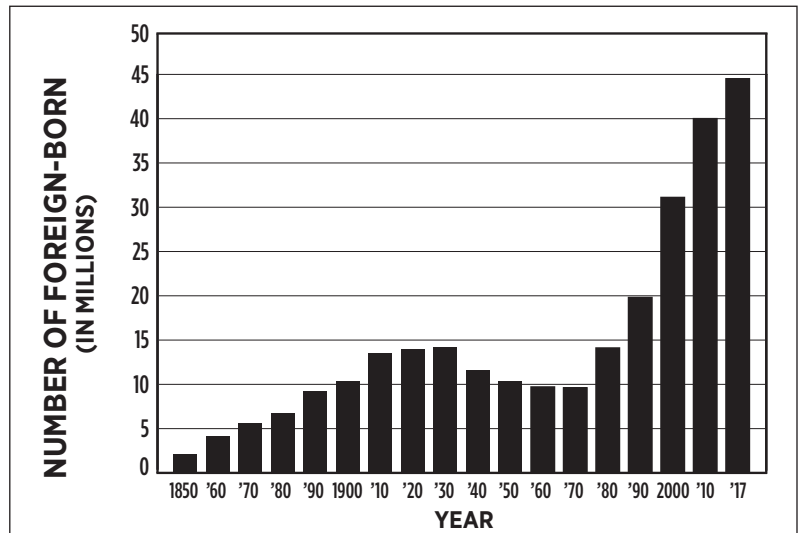
America's Foreign-Born Population

Immigrants have been coming to the United States since the nation was founded in 1776. But Americans have been more willing to accept immigrants at certain points in history than in others. (See "Coming to America," pp. 4-5.)

By 1850, about 23 million people were living in the U.S. Of that number, about 2 million had been born in another country, as the bar graph (top right) shows.

The line graph (bottom right) presents the foreign-born population of the U.S. as a share of the total population. It shows that in 1850, the nation's 2 million foreign-born residents made up about 10 percent of the total population.

Use these two graphs to analyze how the nation's foreign-born population has shifted since 1850.



SOURCES: U.S. Census Bureau, Census of Population, 1850 to 2000; The American Community Survey, 2010; Pew Research Center

Questions

- The number of foreign-born people living in the U.S. was lowest in which year?
 (A) 1850 (B) 1930 (C) 1970 (D) 2010
- The foreign-born population in the U.S. was at its lowest percentage in which year?
 (A) 1850 (B) 1930 (C) 1970 (D) 2010
- What was the foreign-born population in 1970?
 (A) about 3 million (C) about 10 million
 (B) about 5 million (D) about 14 million
- Since 1970, the number of foreign-born people in the U.S. has ____.
 (A) increased
 (B) decreased gradually
 (C) decreased sharply
 (D) stayed about the same
- About which percentage of the U.S. population was foreign-born in 2017?
 (A) 6 percent (C) 14 percent
 (B) 11 percent (D) 44 percent



Write About It! Consider the foreign-born population in 2017. How does it compare with the foreign-born population in 1910, in terms of both actual numbers and share of the total population?