Cornell Notes Form (Article or Essay) MODEL

Author: Library of Congress   Title: "Immigration: Challenges for New Americans" 2014

Main Idea or Argument:
Immigration to the United States has always been filled with challenges for immigrants. In particular, immigrants have often been met with negative attitudes from native-born Americans, despite the fact that immigrants have contributed to economic growth.

Supporting Points or Arguments:
1) The Know Nothings were a political group that was hostile to German and Irish immigration in the early to mid-1800s because these immigrants were poor and Catholic.
2) Between 1880 and 1920 4 million Italians immigrated to the U.S. They mostly did unskilled labor in cities, mainly in new industries. They faced a lot of discrimination.
3) Anti-immigrant quotas and restrictions were passed after World War I, especially targeted against immigrants from countries outside of Western Europe.
4) Immigrants have often developed and maintained strong support networks, for example, Chinatowns. But the key to the success of immigrant populations has been integration into American society.

Challenging Vocabulary:	Definitions:
1) Sedition	**1)** Inciting people to rebel against the government
2) Backlash	**2)** A strong negative reaction by a large number of people, especially against a social or political development
3) Integration	**3)** The process of blending in with or becoming part of the larger society

Key Dates, Places, or Facts:	Significance:
1) 1798	**1)** This was the year that the Alien and Sedition Acts were passed, allowing the President to deport any immigrant suspected of being disloyal to the U.S.
2) 1882	**2)** This was the year that the Chines Exclusion Act was passed. It excluded Chinese from entering the U.S. and reduced Chinese-American citizenship.
3) 1910	**3)** By this year, nearly 1 million Polish people immigrated to the U.S., mainly to midwestern cities.