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Washington State History

- Why do people migrate?
- Why did they move to Washington?

Push Factor

- Definition: a reason someone would want to leave their home country. Something that *pushes* them away. Usually negative.
- Examples: famine, war, corrupt or unjust government, no jobs.

Pull Factor

- Definition: a reason someone would want to move to a new country. Something that *pulls* them or attracts them. Usually positive.
- Examples: availability of land, good jobs, safety, stable government, gold.

Oregon Trail Settlers



Oregon Trail Settlers

Who were they?

- Mostly white Americans from central and eastern U.S.
- Mostly families.
- Wanted to permanently relocate.

Oregon Trail Settlers

When did they come to the Pacific Northwest?

- 1840s – 1880s.
- Ended when railroads were built.
 - To California: 1869
 - To Seattle: 1883

Oregon Trail Settlers

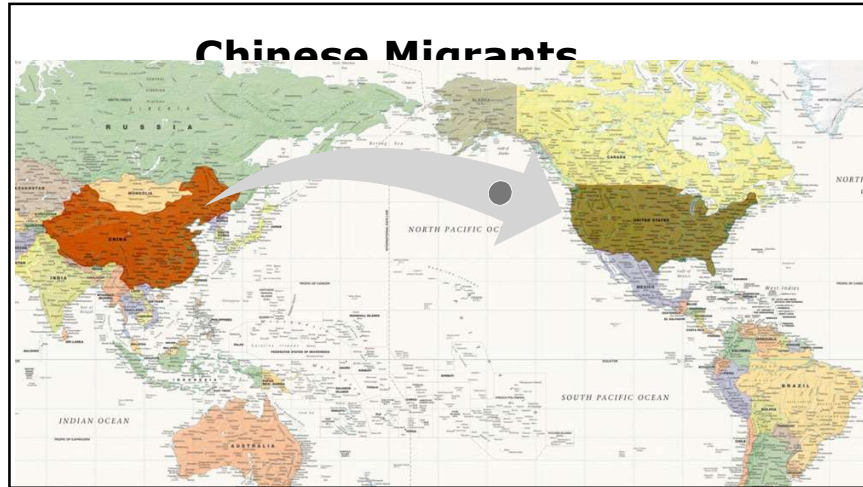
Push Factors

- Not much land available in eastern U.S.
- Dirty, unsanitary cities.
- The Civil War.

Oregon Trail Settlers

Pull Factors

- Free or inexpensive land (*Donation Land Act and Homestead Act*).
- California gold rush.



Chinese Migrants

Who were they?

- Mostly single Chinese men.
- Most intended to make money for a few years, and then return to China.
- Many stayed. Later, Chinese women joined them.

Chinese Migrants

When did they come to the Pacific Northwest?

- 1848 - 1882.
- California Gold Rush, 1848.
- Chinese Exclusion Act, 1882.

Chinese Migrants

Push Factors

- Opium Wars between Britain and China, 1840s- 1860s.
- Corruption and financial crisis in the Qing Dynasty.

Chinese Migrants

Pull Factors

- California Gold Rush (at first).
- Railroad jobs.
- Mining and fishing jobs.

European Migrants



European Migrants

Who were they?

- Mostly families.
- Most intended to migrate permanently.

European Migrants

When did they come to the Pacific Northwest?

- 1880s – 1920s.
- Part of a larger wave of migration all over the U.S.

European Migrants

Push Factors

- Irish potato famine (1845 – 1852).
- Unpopular monarchies.
- Wars and conflicts.
- Religious persecution.

European Migrants

Pull Factors

- Industrial Revolution.
 - U.S. ahead of most European countries.
 - Transportation cheaper and faster (steam ships & railroad).
 - Lots of factory jobs.
- Railroad land grants, advertisements.
- Klondike Gold Rush.
- Open borders; almost no restrictions.

Japanese Migrants



Japanese Migrants

Who were they?

- Mostly single Japanese men.
- Most intended to make money for a few years, and then return to Japan.
- Many stayed. Later, Japanese women joined them.

Japanese Migrants

When did they come to the Pacific Northwest?

- 1889 – 1924
(after the *Chinese Exclusion Act*).
- Hundreds of thousands migrated to Hawaii first.
- Some later moved to the west coast.

Japanese Migrants

Push Factors

- Gunboat diplomacy; forced trade.
- Decline of the Tokugawa Shogunate.
- Widespread poverty.

Japanese Migrants

Pull Factors

- Lots of agriculture jobs in Hawaii.
- Low-wage jobs on the west coast
(that used to be done by Chinese workers).