

Exercise walk-through

Responses to Immigration in the Gilded Age ■ 6.9

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You must be able to

- state what accompanied the growth of international migration
- state what many immigrants negotiated
- explain what Social Darwinism was used to justify
- state what settlement house workers did

Method — Debates

Increasing public debates over assimilation and Americanization accompanied the growth of international migration.

Method — Negotiation

Many immigrants negotiated compromises between the cultures they brought and the culture they found in the United States. The CED's verb makes immigrants active participants rather than objects of a policy.

Method — Social Darwinism

Social commentators advocated theories later described as Social Darwinism to justify the success of those at the top of the socioeconomic structure as both appropriate and inevitable. “Later described as” — the CED is careful about the term’s history.

Method — Settlement houses

Many women, like Jane Addams, worked in settlement houses to help immigrants adapt to U.S. language and customs.

Practice 2.1 ■ 2 marks

State what accompanied the growth of international migration.

Solution 2.1

Method: Debates

Worked steps

increasing public debates over assimilation and Americanization **B2**.

Practice 2.2 ■ 2 marks

State what Social Darwinism was used to justify.

Solution 2.2

Method: Social Darwinism

Worked steps

the success of those at the top of the socioeconomic structure **B1** as both appropriate and inevitable **B1**.

Practice 2.3 ■ 2 marks

Immigrants were active.

- (a) State the CED's verb and what it claims.
- (b) State what settlement house workers did.

Solution 2.3

Method: Negotiation

Worked steps

(a) negotiated **B1**, which makes immigrants active participants rather than objects of policy **B1**. (b) helped immigrants adapt to U.S. language and customs **B1**.

Exam-style 3.1 ■ 1 mark

The CED says theories were “later described as” Social Darwinism, which shows it is careful about

- A** the term's history
- B** the spelling
- C** the date of migration
- D** the number of migrants

Solution 3.1

Method: Social Darwinism

A the term's history



B the spelling

C the date of migration

D the number of migrants

Worked steps

A. the term's history.

Exam-style 3.2 ■ 1 mark

Social Darwinism justified success at the top as appropriate and

A inevitable

B temporary

C unjust

D accidental

Solution 3.2

Method: Social Darwinism

A inevitable



B temporary

C unjust

D accidental

Worked steps

A. inevitable.

Exam-style 3.3 ■ 1 mark

A theory explains an existing distribution of wealth as natural.

- (a) State what such a theory does politically.
- (b) Explain why this makes it worth studying.

Solution 3.3

Worked steps

(a) it removes the distribution from political argument **B1**. (b) if an arrangement is natural and inevitable, no reform is required **B1**, so the theory functions as an argument against reform whether or not it was intended as one **B1**.