



Primary Source Essay

Step 1: Background Reading

Read "Ethnic Societies: An American Tradition with Old World Roots."

Step 2: Analyze Your Sources

Look at each primary source and, using the "Primary Source Worksheets" fill in information for each document (Worksheet B) or photograph (Worksheet B). Using the example provided, compile information on each primary document source. You will use this data to answer the essay question in step 4. *Hint: read the essay question before you begin the worksheets so you will be thinking about how the information you are gathering can help you answer the question.*

Step 3: Supplement your Sources

Write a brief history and purpose of each organization, as you are able to find information on them. If you search the Internet, you will find that some societies have their own Web sites detailing their histories and activities.

Step 4: Write Your Essay

After completing the worksheet form, write a 250–500-word essay answering the question:

Using the information you read in the background reading, your review of the documents and photographs, and in your library/internet search (if you completed this part), write a 250–500 word essay on the following topic: Describe the types of services and activities immigrant associations provided for minorities and new immigrants during the 19th and 20th centuries. Discuss the purpose of their formation and how these associations did or did not contribute significantly to the adjustment of immigrants to America. Document your discussion with the sources you use.