Immigration Worksheet

Nearly 76 million Americans greeted the new Century in 1900. Nearly 1 in 7 was foreign born. Many of these new immigrants faced discrimination and racism in America. You will be learning their story. Besides the links provided, regular classes can use Ch 15.1, 15.2, 16.2, and 16.3, handouts and research information you find. Honors classes use Ch. 27(568-576)

Use the following links for questions 1-3
Chinese Immigration and discrimination
http://www.loc.gov/teachers/classroommaterials/presentationsandactivities/presentations/timeline/riseind/chinimms/
A response to the Chinese Exclusion Act
http://www.infidels.org/library/historical/robert_ingersoll/chinese_exclusion.html
Mark Twain’s thoughts on Chinese Immigration
The Fight Begins at Home - Jewett Defends Asian Immigrants http://historymatters.gmu.edu/d/5045/
A Response to Hate by Kwang Chang Ling http://www.pbs.org/becomingamerican/ce_witness2_print.html
David Phillips support of the Chinese Immigrant

1. Why did the Chinese come to America? Why did Americans begin to discriminate against the Chinese? What was the Chinese Exclusion Act?
2. Describe the arguments made against the Chinese and the arguments used to defend them.
3. Read A Response to Hate by Kwang Chang Ling. What argument is he making?

For questions 4 and 5, use The Americans (Red Text) Pages 464-465 and American Pageant pages 574-576
4. Describe the rise of Nativism in America. Which groups were discriminated?
5. Describe why some groups were restricted more than others.
6. What arguments can be made for restricting immigration to America?
Frances A. Walker's arguments for restricting immigration *If D20 denies you access to the following link do a google search on: Frances A. Walker’s arguments for restricting immigration
7. Describe the arguments that Theodore Roosevelt makes on Immigration.
http://www.freerepublic.com/focus/fr/1608833/posts
*If D20 denies you access to this site, do a google search on Theodore Roosevelt on Immigration
8. What arguments are made in support of the Jewish Immigrant?
Russian Jews as Desirable Immigrants – http://tenant.net/Community/LES/vanetten.html

Now that you have a better understanding of the Immigration issue, how might your character have responded to the following questions?

1. Do you agree with limiting immigration to America? Why or why not?
2. Do you think that we should restrict certain groups like the Chinese from coming to our country? Why or why not? Which groups should we restrict?
3. Do you agree or disagree with President Theodore Roosevelt’s position on immigration?

Other Links - Here is a list of other links on Immigration
Ellis Island http://library.thinkquest.org/20619/Eihist.html
Ellis Island Official Web Site http://www.ellisisland.org/default.asp
European Immigration