

## PUSH AND PULL FORCES

Why did immigrants come to the United States?

They came for a better life for themselves and their children

Push force- Something that makes a person want to leave his/her country

Pull force- Something that attracts a person to settle in a country

Examples of push and pull forces:

1. FAMINE PUSH FORCE

\* Severe food shortage

\* Example - Great Potato Famine - Ireland 1840's

2. ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES PULL FORCE

\* Way to make a living

\* Land

\* Jobs

3. DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT PULL FORCE

\* Freedom and rights

\* Having a say in the way the country is run

4. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM PULL FORCE  
\* Freedom to worship as one wishes
5. WAR PUSH FORCE  
\* To escape a life-threatening situation
6. ADVENTURE PULL FORCE  
\* Find gold (California Gold Rush 1849)  
\* Hunt bison  
\* The Wild West

\*\*\* Any push can become a pull by changing the words.\*\*\*