The Changing Face of America

Links Far and Near

1. Turn to pages 110–111 of the Atlas. Read the overview. Also look at graph A, “Immigrant Origins,” and map B, “Immigrants.” Use the information to complete the following sentences.

a. Most immigrants after 1980 came from ___________________________ and ___________________________.

b. In 1978 refugees from ___________________________ gained immigrant status.

c. For the first time in American history, large numbers of ___________________________ immigrants from Africa have come to the United States.

d. About ________ percent of the American population today is foreign-born.

People and Cultures

2. Compare graph A with graph A, “Immigrant Origins,” on page 98. Write T if the statement is true and F if the statement is false.


b. ________ In 1980 Asian immigration outnumbered European immigration.

c. ________ Immigration has steadily increased since 1980.

d. ________ In 1990 North American immigration exceeded all others combined.


Gathering the Facts

3. Look at graph C, “Mexican and Filipino Immigrants,” and photo D. Write the number for each described event or occasion.

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<td>a. Mexican immigration peaked.</td>
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<td>b. Number of Filipinos that entered the United States in 1995.</td>
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<td>c. Fraction of immigrants that will become naturalized citizens.</td>
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Places, Regions, and Landscapes

4. Look at the map E, “Population Density and Major Cities.” Match the places described below with their population density.

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<td>b. Boston</td>
<td>• 5 to 50</td>
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<td>c. Most of Iowa</td>
<td>• 50 to 100</td>
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<td>d. Most of Nevada</td>
<td>• 100 to 250</td>
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<td>e. Western Tennessee</td>
<td>• Over 250</td>
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Time and Change

5. Compare map E with map D, “Population Density and Major Cities 1960” on page 97. Write ▲ if the area has increased in population density, ▼ if the area has decreased, and = if the area has remained the same.

a. western California ▲

b. northern Nevada ▲

c. central Colorado ▲

d. central North Carolina ▲

e. central North Dakota ▲

f. southern Michigan ▲

Thinking About History


a. Which area had the highest percent of the population in 2000? urban rural

b. Which area had the highest percent of the population in 1900? urban rural

c. Which generation will be the most diverse? students today their grandchildren