

The USA: a nation of immigrants

DOMAINE 1 :

Comprendre, s'exprimer en utilisant une langue étrangère.

Écouter et comprendre

Identifier le sujet d'une conversation simple et en comprendre les grandes lignes. A2



In 1625, the Dutch and English were the first immigrants to what was then New Amsterdam and started to build Manhattan to what it is today. They brought slaves from Africa, and German immigration began heavily in the 1700s. When the Revolutionary War ended in 1783, New York became a state. The Dutch, British, Germans, and newly freed Africans (freed between 1799 and 1817) began to welcome new groups of immigrants by the 1840s. The Irish came to New York City to escape the Great Famine. In 1847 over 50,000 Irish and over 50,000 new Germans converged on New York City causing panic among the 300,000 New Yorkers already living there.



Irish

Build = construire

Slaves = esclaves

Freed = libéré

Bring → brought = amener

Begin → began = commencer

GANGS OF NEW YORK

Watch and listen carefully to this movie extract and fill in the blanks :



The **second** year of the Great Civil War when the **Irish** brigades marched to the **streets**, New York was a city full of **tribes**. War chiefs, **rich** and poor...

"Down with Lincoln !" " Lincoln will make all white men **slaves**."

It wasn't a **city** really. It was more a furnace where a city someday might be forged.

[...]

The **angriest** talk was of the new Conscription Act... The first draft in Union **history**

[...]

When the Irish came, the city was in a **fever**. Since the time of the Great Famine, they'd come streaming off the **boats**.

And they got a right warm **welcome**.

[...]

I only came two hours downriver from Hellgate, but they all took me for an **immigrant**.

Why not ? There were a **thousand** different **accents** in New York, and to the Natives, you see, it was all the same.