

## “The Galveston Movement”

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Compelling Question	To what extent was the “Galveston Movement” a success or failure for Jewish Immigrants migrating to Texas in the early 1900s?		
Standards and Practices	USH.13B Analyze the causes and effects of changing demographic patterns resulting from immigration to the United States		
Staging the Question	<p>Most Jewish immigrants to America came through Ellis Island, NY during the late 1800s and the early 1900s, so students will analyze the causes and effects of some Jewish leaders who chose Galveston as a better place to immigrate for Jewish people. Students will examine a secondary source article, titled “Galveston Movement” (1995) by Jane Manaster of Texas State Historical Association, in order to gain an insight into the significance of this immigration movement of Jewish settlers. In addition, students will view a documentary, called <i>West of Hester Street</i> (1983) for a greater understanding of this movement and its impact.</p> <p><b>As a warm-up:</b> Students can examine a quote from President Theodore Roosevelt: “It is not so much immigration that we of the United States have to fear,” he explained, “as it is the concentration of the immigrants.” Also, a quote from a letter by Jewish banker Jacob Schiff with description (Susan W. Hardwick, Doc. 3):</p> <p>“At first, Schiff’s vision was to relocate Jews to any number of U.S. ports, as long as they were not New York. In a December 1904 letter to the secretary of the primary German-Jewish relief agency in Bremen he wrote:”</p> <p>‘I suggest to you the following suitable ports to which part of the emigration could be advantageously directed: Philadelphia, Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, Charleston, Savannah, and <b>Galveston</b>; also Montreal.’ (Bold added)</p>		
Supporting Question 1	Supporting Question 2	Supporting Question 3	
<p><b>Why did Jews immigrate to Galveston from eastern Europe in the early 1900s, and why did Jewish leaders organize efforts to settle Jewish immigrants in Galveston?</b></p> <p><b>Context question:</b> Was this effort occurring before 1907?</p>	<p><b>What was the attraction, or pull factors, that attracted Jewish immigrants to Galveston, TX, as well as the western U.S. between 1907-14?</b></p> <p><b>In addition, how did some Jewish leaders view going to Galveston or the western U.S. as a part of the Zionist movement, or a means, to return to the Holy Land and Jerusalem?</b></p>	<p><b>What obstacles/struggles did Jewish immigrants face after they immigrated to Galveston, as well as other Texas towns in the early 1900s?</b></p>	

<b>Formative Performance Task</b>	<b>Formative Performance Task</b>	<b>Formative Performance Task</b>
Students will answer Supporting Question #1 by using evidence from primary sources.	Students will answer Supporting Question #2 by using evidence from a second primary sources.  (Note: This question can also be answered using information from Henry Cohen’s article as well.)	Students will answer Supporting Question #3 by using evidence from a secondary source (s).
<b>Featured Sources (Doc’s 1-13)</b>	<b>Featured Sources (Doc’s 1-13)</b>	<b>Featured Sources (Doc’s 1-13)</b>
Henry Cohen’s article on the Galveston Movement in <i>The Jewish Herald</i> on February 5, 1909.  Recent 2020 article by Rice University, News and Media Relations by Katharine Shilcutt about a 1907 pamphlet guide for Jews who immigrated to Galveston (Ukrainian document written in Yiddish. It has been translated but not yet published.)  <i>Early Twentieth Century Networks of Ethnicity: The Galveston Movement</i> by Susan W. Hardwick (2003)	“To Jerusalem by Way of American Farms,” an article by C.H. Abbot in <i>The San Francisco Call</i> on August 25, 1907.  <i>Early Twentieth Century Networks of Ethnicity: The Galveston Movement</i> by Susan W. Hardwick (2003)	“Galveston Movement” (1995) by Jane Manaster of Texas State Historical Association.  <i>Early Twentieth Century Networks of Ethnicity: The Galveston Movement</i> by Susan W. Hardwick (2003)

(Secondary source with four primary sources included.)			
Summative Performance Task	Argument	<p>Students will answer the compelling question by creating an argument and using primary and secondary sources (Doc's 1-13) in an AP US History DBQ format. Students may not need all of these doc's, but they are available to use. Also, I wasn't able to find a chart on the current number of Jews living in Texas cities, but there are approximately 50, 000 plus living in the Houston area and 75,000 in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. This is current information.</p>	
	Extension	<p>Students can also create their own pamphlet with illustrations, highlighting reasons Jews should immigrate to Galveston, as well as other Texas towns instead of the eastern U.S. coast in the early 1900s.</p>	