



AN INTRODUCTION TO MIGRATION AND EMPIRE - Question and Sheet

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- 1) Explain how emigration played a significant role in 19th-century Scottish society.
- 2) Describe who came to Scotland during this and why.

Migration and Scottish society

Migration within Scotland

- 1) Give a detailed definition of 'migration' in relation to this course.
- 2) Describe the general pattern of migration in Scotland between 1830-1930.

The Lowlands

- 1) Make brief notes on how changing land ownership and a new way of hiring labour, not only avoided rural famine but saw large numbers of people moving from the countryside to the town.
- 2) Describe some of the other reasons why people were moving from the countryside to the towns.

The Highlands

- 1) Give some reasons for the movement of people from the south and east Highlands.
- 2) Explain why migration from the N.W. Highlands and Islands was less and more temporary than from the south and east Highlands.
- 3) Why did more Highlanders leave after the First World War?

Emigration and Scottish society

Emigration from Scotland

- 1) Give some statistics regarding the level of Scottish emigration.

Leaving the Highlands

- 1) Give some 'force and persuasion' reasons for Highland emigration.
- 2) Copy down some statistics from this sections.

Destinations abroad

- 1) Why did many Highlanders prefer to go abroad?



The Lowlands

- 1) Describe all the reasons why someone from lowland Scotland would emigrate?
- 2) When was emigration from Scotland at its peak and when was it at its lowest level?
- 3) Describe how the social status of emigrants changed from the early 19th century to the 20th century.
- 4) Note down the changes in preferred destinations of emigrants and why.
- 5) Why do you think more Scots started to emigrate to England during the inter-war period?
- 6) Explain why emigration became less risky and for some, temporary, during the 1900s.

Emigration in the 20th century

- 1) What was the consequence for Scotland of the changing emigration pattern of the 1920s and 1930s?

Immigration and Scottish society

Irish emigration to Scotland in the 19th and 20th centuries

Early emigration

- 1) Explain why Irish emigration to Scotland prior to the great famine of 1846-7, could best be described as a trickle.

The impact of the Irish famine

- 1) Why do the census figures underestimate the total strength of the Irish community in Scotland?

Settlement of the Irish

- 1) Where did the Irish emigrant settle in Scotland and why?

Occupational structure

- 1) What kind of work did the Irish emigrant do?
- 2) Why were there few Irish in highly paid, skilled trades?

Religious divisions and tensions

- 1) Give as many reasons as you can to explain why many Scots disliked the Irish.



Irish communities

- 1) What did the Irish do to build up substantial Irish communities?
- 2) What ensured that the Irish Catholics would remain a separate community within the Scottish community?

Irish protestant emigration

- 1) Why did the Protestant Irish not face the same degree of discrimination as the Catholic Irish?

Sectarian rivalry

- 1) Explain why there were few full-scale confrontations between Catholics and Protestants in Scotland up to the 1920s.
- 2) What caused a brief upsurge in sectarianism in the 1930s?

Experiences of immigrant and migrant groups in Scotland

- 1) Give details on the numbers of immigrants to Scotland (other than the Irish) and where they came from.

English migrants

- 1) Note down some figures relating to English migrants to Scotland.
- 2) Give details on which areas of work the English migrant was generally involved in.

Jewish immigrants

- 1) Take some notes on the statistics concerning Jews in Scotland and also note where they settled.
- 2) What kind of work did Jews get involved in and what kind of reputation did they have?
- 3) How true is it to say that there was much anti-semitism in Scotland during this time?

Lithuanian immigrants

- 1) Describe some of the push and pull factors which caused Lithuanians to come to Scotland.
- 2) Explain why there was hostility towards the Lithuanian immigrants by local mining communities. Mention also, the part played by the local media.
- 3) How did the Lithuanians integrate into Scottish society up to the Great War?
- 4) Why do you think Great Britain decided to send Lithuanians back to Russia after the Great War? (Think back to the 'Red Scare')



Conclusion

- 1) You would do well to copy or put into your own words, the Conclusion provided.