Postwar Immigrant America: A Social History

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As later immigrant groups came to America, older English Americans would memorialize Plymouth Rock as the birthplace of America, thus confirming an Anglo-Saxon stamp on the American character. In reality, of course, the early immigrants arrived all over the different ports up and down the East Coast. Reasons for Immigration

The early immigrants came here for a variety of reasons:

Economic Opportunity: Europe offered little opportunity for most people to advance economically during this period of aristocratic control of wealth and power.