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U.S. History II

*First Week of Class/Progressive Era*  DUE: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

“These men don't suffer. Why, hell, half of them don't even speak English.”

~ George Frederick Baer, a wealthy oil baron,

on the working conditions of the coal mines

**“The New Immigrants”**

**Ch. 15, Sect. 1 (10 Points)**

TASK: Respond to the following questions.

1. Immigration, as you have discovered, is one of the great themes of American history, especially in the first part of the 20th century. America is often referred to as a “melting pot.” Do you think we are a “melting pot” or a “symphony of civilization”? How do the two metaphors differ? Is the difference significant? Explain your response.
2. Read pp. 458-465, and respond in full sentences to Questions 1, 3 & 4.
3. The vast majority Americans came here from somewhere else. If you care to share your immigrant experience, please do so. Tell about a family member who first came to this country.

*For example, my family is English, Irish and Danish. My Great-Grandfather on my mother’s side, William Hodson, sailed to New Bedford from his home in the North of England in 1907. He married an Irish Catholic woman named Veronica Farrell. They lived in New Bedford, and, unable to make ends meet in the Great Depression, they moved to Detroit, Michigan. “Billy” Hodson fought in the First World War, suffered through the Great Depression, and passed away in the 1960s. He is buried in a military cemetery in San Diego, California.*