

## A New Home for Many

In the 1800s and early 1900s the United States welcomed thousands of new-comers. In their homes across the sea, many were not allowed to live or pray as they wished. They were poor. Many were almost starving. The immigrants came here looking for a life of freedom. Some even said that in America the streets would be paved with gold.

When they arrived, the immigrants looked strange to Americans.

They were dressed in the style of their homeland. That seemed odd. They spoke their own languages. That seemed strange to many people here, too. Slowly, those new-comers made a fresh start in life. They became Americans instead of "foreigners."

In recent years, people have continued to come to America in hopes of a better life. But today, many arrive by jet plane. Some want to become doctors. Others want to be in sports or run their own businesses. They want to be in a country where they will feel free to do these things.