Antebellum Immigration History

Fill-in-the-blank:

1. _____ immigrants worked on the transcontinental railroad or in the mines.
2. Some immigrants came for the cheap _____ that was made available by westward expansion, while others came because of the manufacturing boom in the cities that was sparked by the _____.
3. Half of the Germans became _____ in the Midwest, and the other half became _____ in urban areas..
4. Immigrants mainly came from Britain, Ireland, and _____.
5. Immigrants were mainly _____ between the ages of 18 and _____.

Multiple Choice:

1. By the 1850's, how many immigrants arrived in the US each year?
    a. 100,000
    b. 170,000
    c. 80,000
2. Where did their first jobs often come from?
    a. Their old boss
    b. The Senator
    c. Whoever picked them up at the dock
3. Who built most of the railroads and canals?
    a. The French
    b. The Irish
    c. The German
4. Where were the Asian Immigrants mainly from?
    a. China
    b. Korea
    c. Japan
5. Which nationality was the exception when it came to women immigrants?
    a. German
    b. French
    c. Irish
6. Which immigrants arrived in the US in large numbers to escape poverty and death from the potato famine?
    a. Irish-Catholics
    b. German
    c. British Protestants

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