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Subject: Social Studies

Topic: **Immigration from other Parts of the World**

Greeks

1. Greeks came to work in the sponge industry which began in 1841.
2. They gathered sponges from the sea. They used iron hooks attached to a pole in a kraal.
3. The sponges soaked for a few days then were beaten and cleaned.
4. After cleaning, they were weighed on a scale and prepared to be sent to Paris, France.
5. They made lots of money until a disease attacked the sponge beds in 1938 – that was the end of sponging.
6. Many Greeks opened restaurants like Zorbas.
7. Some Greek last names are Maillis, Psilnakis and Mosko.

Chinese

1. They came in the early 1940's when China changed its government.
2. Chinese came to The Bahamas looking for freedom.
3. They opened businesses like restaurants, furniture stores, food stores and laundries.

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4. Chinese names are Wong, Tai, Lee, Cheng, and Lim.

Caribbean People

1. Caribbean people came looking for a better way of life.
2. People came from Jamaica, Grenada, Trinidad, Barbados, and Guyana.
3. They worked as Police and Prison Officers, Nurses, and teachers.
4. People from Turks and Caicos Islands came so they could make more money in The Bahamas.

Haitians

1. The latest and largest group to come to The Bahamas.
2. They left their country because they were treated unfairly there and there were only a few jobs.
3. They came in the early 1960's and still come.
4. So many come here that they government has had to return them (repatriate) back to Haiti.
5. They work here as tailors, gardeners, and labourers. Some are lawyers and business people in the community.'
6. After 2010's earthquake, even more Haitians moved here and the United States.

Advantages of Immigration

1. Immigrants enjoy a better way of life

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2. They have all the freedoms we enjoy as democratic society – speech, religion, elections
3. Free Education and Healthcare for kids
4. Could boost economy

Disadvantages of Immigration

1. Overcrowded classrooms, clinics, and hospitals
2. Government can't afford to take care of immigrants
3. Some immigrants carry diseases with them that Bahamians are immunized from.
4. Immigrants may take job opportunities from Bahamians

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