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DBQ 12: THE NATIVIST RESPONSE TO IMMIGRATION, *CONTINUED*

PART A

The following documents are examples of the various nativist statements and arguments for more restrictive immigration laws. Examine each document carefully, and answer the question or questions that follow.

Document 1

This excerpt is from a resolution by the American Federation of Labor to Congress, "Some Reasons For Chinese Exclusion, Meat vs. Rice: American Manhood Against Asiatic Coolieism," (1902).

> The Chinese, if permitted freely to enter this country, would create race antagonisms which would ultimately result in great public disturbance. The Caucasians will not tolerate the Mongolian. . . . But this is not alone a race, labor, and political question. It is one which involves our civilization. . . .

What nativist arguments are stated in this document? _____

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Consider the source of the statement. What unstated concern do you suspect is the primary reason why this group opposed Chinese immigration?

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Document 2

This excerpt is from *Our Country,* by Reverend Josiah Strong (1885).

> . . . immigration not only furnishes the greater portion of our criminals, it is also seriously affecting the morals of the native population. It is disease and not health which is contagious. Most foreigners bring with them continental ideas of the Sabbath, and the result is sadly manifest in all our cities, where it is being transformed from a holy day into a holiday. But by far the most effective instrumentality for debauching [corrupting] popular morals is the liquor traffic, and this is chiefly carried on by foreigners. . . ."

What "diseases" did Strong blame on immigrants? _____

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Document 3

Many towns, cities, and states sponsored night schools where recent immigrants could learn American customs and how to speak English.

GRANITE CITY

AMERICANIZATION SCHOOLS

Monday and Thursday Evenings 7:30 p. m.

Underwood & Underwood

These two men are brothers, one is an American Citizen and the other has just come to this country with their old mother. See the difference in the way they dress and look. America is a great country. In America everybody has a chance. Everybody who comes to America from the old country ought to learn the American language and become an American citizen. If the people that come to America do not become Americans, this country will soon be like the old country.

Beginning Monday, September the 27th, 1920

SCHOOLS:

HIGH SCHOOL, 20TH AND D STREETS
LINCOLN PLACE, 917 PACIFIC AVENUE

LIBERTY SCHOOL, 20TH AND O STREETS
MADISON SCHOOL, 1322 MADISON AVENUE

Keep America Great. Become an American Citizen **Learn The Language.**

Press-Record Publishing Co. 1834 D St., Granite City, Ill

According to this advertisement, why should immigrants learn the "American language"? _____

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