

Higher History – Issue 2: The Experience of Immigrants in Scotland

Source Questions - ‘How Fully...?’ Questions

Source A: from Tom Devine, *The Scottish Nation 1700-2000* (2000). (NH 2017)

Initially the reaction of the native workers to the swelling tide of alien immigration from Lithuania was hostile as it was believed that foreigners had been brought into the Ayrshire coalfields to break strikes and dilute the power of the unions. Friction further intensified after 1900 as depression in the coal trade caused successive reductions in miners’ wages while Lithuanian immigration into the Labour market continued. However, over the next two decades things changed. To enhance their own economic advantage Lithuanians gave a convincing display of loyalty to the Trade Union which improved relations with Scots. Nonetheless, assimilation was initially confined to industrial relations, as in all other spheres, they were still separate and distinct, yet due to their smaller numbers the Lithuanians were not viewed as a threat to the Scottish way of life.

1. How fully does **Source A** explain the experiences of immigrants in Scotland?
Use the **Source and recalled knowledge**

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When answering this type of question remember AID

Marks	What you need to do:	A - answer
ONLY 2 marks awarded to an answer that doesn't make a judgement	MAKE A JUDGEMENT! Decide if source fully describes/explains HINT - no source will ever fully describe/explain.	<i>Source A only partly explains the experience of immigrants in Scotland.</i>
Up to 4 marks	What you need to do: Explain what the source does say/tell you. Do not just quote - you must explain why each point is relevant. Re-write the fact in your own words and then include the quote to prove your point	I - include <i>The source explains that one reason for Scottish migration was "..."</i> this means that <i>Another reason the source identifies is...</i>
Up to 7 marks	What you need to do: Explain what the source has left out/doesn't tell you. Again you must show that you are making a judgement that it has left information out!	D - doesn't However, Source A fails to describe/explain that...

Source B: from Martin J Mitchell, *Irish Catholics in the West of Scotland*, in his “New Perspectives on the Irish in Scotland” (2008). (OH 2011)

The prevailing view about Catholic Irish in nineteenth-century Scotland is that they were despised by the bulk of the native population, and as a result formed separate and isolated communities in the towns in which they settled in significant numbers. Yet, there is considerable evidence that members of Catholic Irish communities were involved—often in significant numbers—in strikes, trade unions and trade union campaigns. Moreover, this participation was both welcomed and sought by Scottish workers. Some historians have highlighted sectarian riots and disturbances in Scotland in the nineteenth century as proof that there was considerable Protestant working class hostility towards the Catholic Irish community. However, if these incidents are looked at more closely, most of the incidents did not involve Scottish workers, but were instead “Orange” and “Green” disturbances involving Protestant Irish and Catholic Irish immigrants. The available evidence states or suggests that most Scottish workers were not participants—they remained aloof and let the two immigrant groups continue their old battles.

How fully does **Source B** explain the experience of immigrants in Scotland?

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Source C: from a letter by an Italian immigrant to Glasgow in 1921. (how to pass higher history book)

School was a nightmare for me but my oldest brother Giacomo, a name that was quickly shortened to Jack revelled in school life. He was a quick learner and always able to take care of himself. A few times I found myself surrounded by classmates chanting at me because I was a foreigner. Jack scattered them and they stopped bothering me completely. Our family moved house a few times in an effort to improve our life. Domenico took a job in the largely Italian trade of terrazzo tile workers and most of my brothers followed him into the trade. Meanwhile my grasp of the Glasgow dialect improved. Within a couple of years I lost all trace of my mother tongue and developed a strong, guttural Glasgow accent. In no time at all I was a complete Glaswegian.

3. How fully does **Source B** explain the experience of immigrants in Scotland?
*Use the **Source and recalled knowledge***

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