

Self-Assessment
**U.S. Immigration, Language Policy, Bilingual Education Debate,
& Laws and Courts Cases Related to Educating ELLs**

1. Briefly list the major groups that have immigrated to the U.S. since the founding of the country.
 - a. 1600s to 1840s
 - b. 1850s to 1940s
 - c. 1950s to present
2. How do the immigrants who've come to the United States in the last 25 years differ from the earlier immigrants.
3. Describe the history of bilingual education (*brief overview*) in the U.S. up to 1990.

4. What is the status of the English Only movement in the United States?

What are the positions of the English Only and English Plus groups?

English Only:

English Plus:

5. Describe the Bilingual Education Debate currently raging in the United States. What are the arguments for/against bilingual education? Where are the battlegrounds?

6. Give a 1- or 2- sentence summary of each law/court case/federal directive.

a. 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

b. *Brown v. Board of Education*

c. Civil Rights Act, Title VI

d. May 25 Memorandum, Department of HEW

e. *Lau v. Nichols*

f. Equal Educational Opportunities Act

g. *Cintron v. Brentwood*

h. *Castaneda v. Pickard*

i. *Plyler v. Doe*

j. No Child Left Behind

