

How do immigrant groups shape American identity?

2 different models of integrating



The traditional model: **The Melting Pot**

The idea that American culture represents a blend of lots of different cultures, as new immigrants “blend in.”

This requires *assimilation*, which is the process of giving up parts of your old identity as you adapt to a new one.



A newer model: **The Salad Bowl**

The idea that immigrant groups can become part of America but don't have to lose their own unique cultural identity.

Another name for this is “multi-culturalism.”

What values about American identity should guide us today as we continue to welcome new immigrant groups?

Your task: Create **your own** metaphor for what you think America's cultural identity should be.