

# FRENCH EMIGRATION

From the XVIth to the XXIst CENTURY

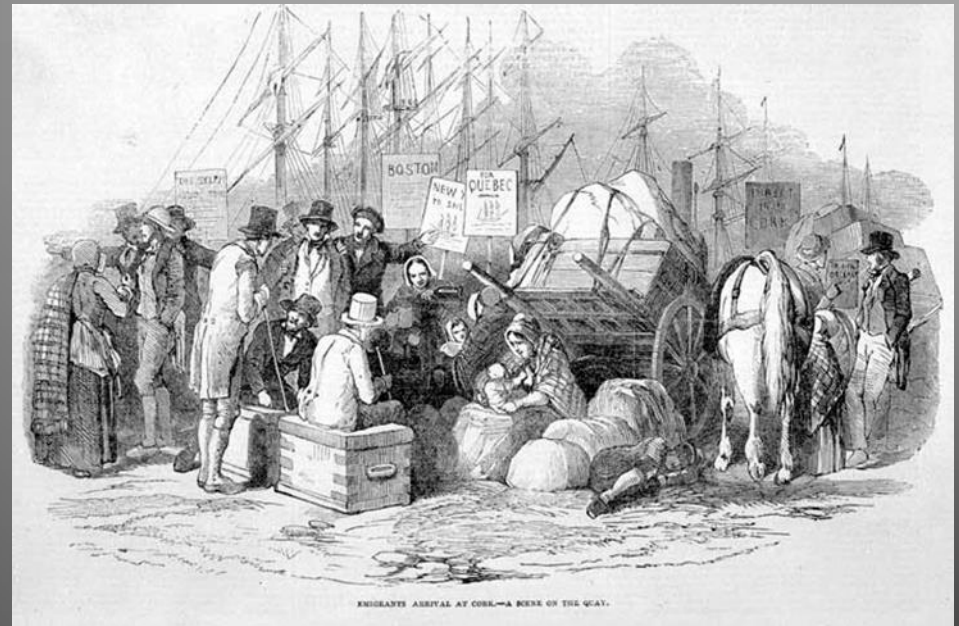
# From 1538 to 1685

- ▶ The Protestants fled the religious persecutions in France.



# From 1632 to 1713

- ▶ French settled down in Quebec and in Acadia (Canada)



# In 1722

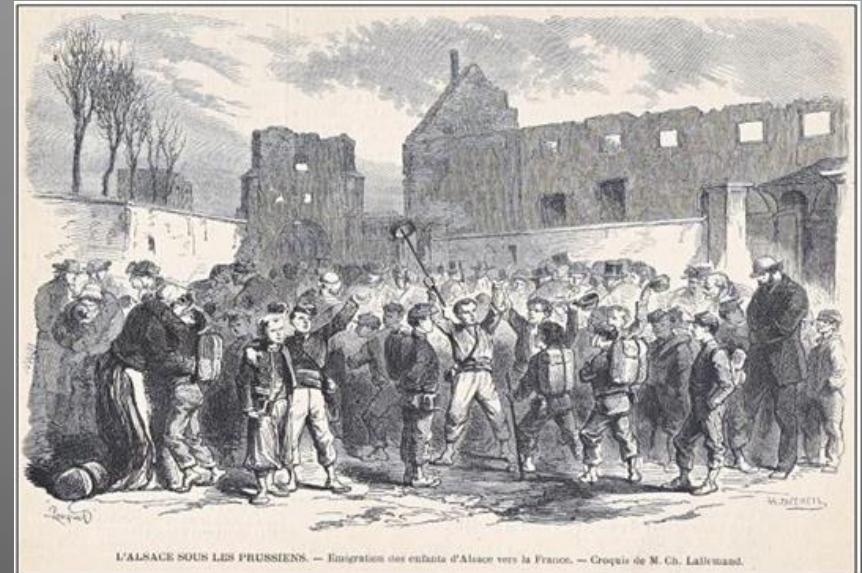
- ▶ Alsatian colonies settled in the Holy Roman Empire (Austria-Hungary)





# From 1764 to 1786

- ▶ The Alsatians colonised Russia, Ukraine and Banat.



# In 1785

- ▶ Some Acadians exiled in France embarked for Louisiana



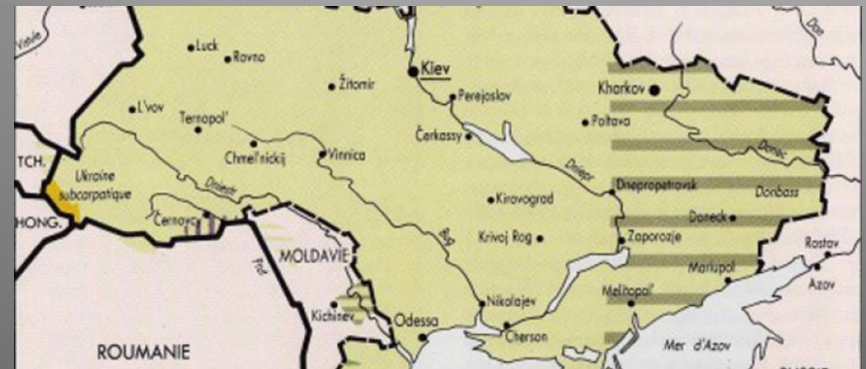
# From 1789 to 1791

- ▶ Approximately 500,000 refugees fled the French Revolution.
- ▶ They exiled to the nearby nations or to the Americas.
- ▶ Approximately half returned later.



# From 1804 to 1832

- ▶ Additional Alsatians emigrated to Ukraine, Bessarabia and Banat.





# From 1815 to 1817

- ▶ The political unrest after Napoleon's fall led to a wave of French emigration towards the nearby countries and the Americas again.



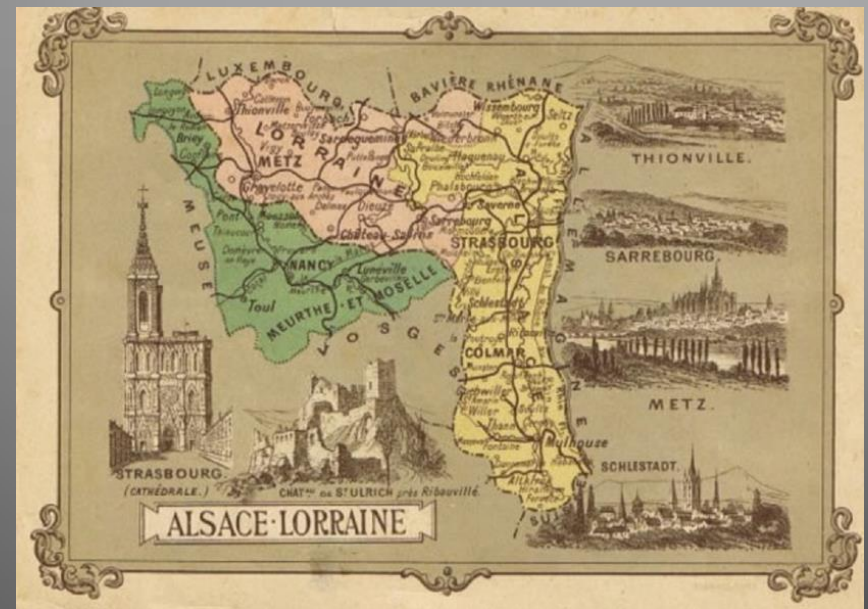
# From 1830 to 1962

- ▶ The French colonised Algeria in North Africa.



# From the 1830s to the 1860s

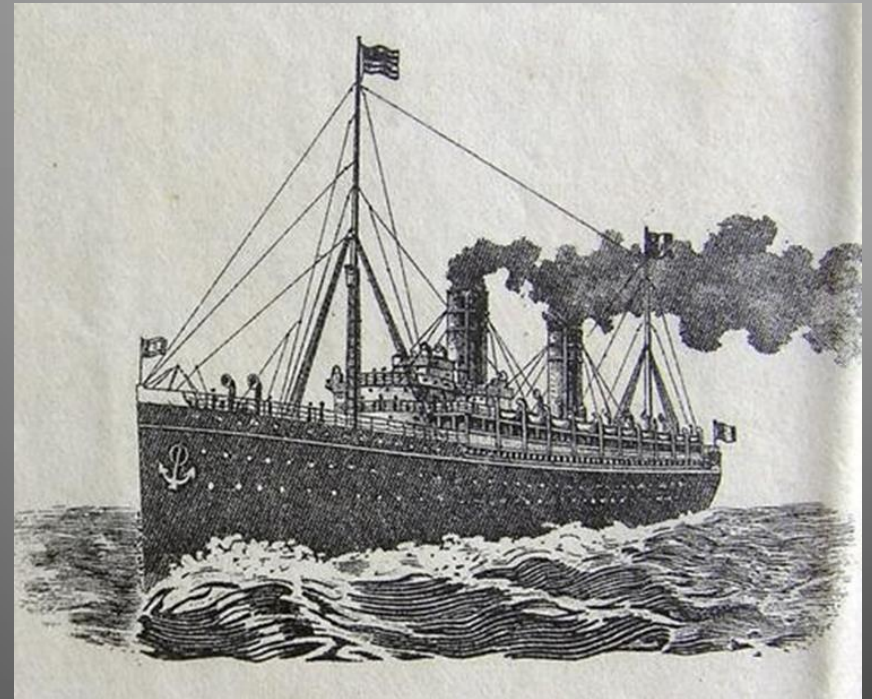
- ▶ Agents went from cities to towns to recruit emigrants, mainly in Alsace-Lorraine. Some went to America, other to Russia.





# In 1871

- ▶ There was a wave of French emigrants, largely towards North America





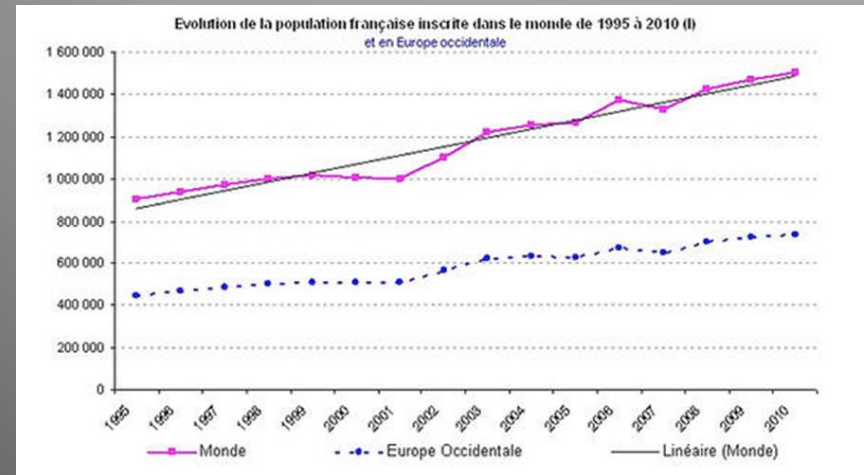
# XXth - XXIst century

## French emigration nowadays

More than two million French people  
would live outside France today.

# The April 2005 Census

- ▶ 44 % of French people abroad are said to be less than 35 years old.
- ▶ **Qualifications** : salesmen, administrative executives, financiers, engineers, professionals in health and education, computing graduates and other researchers.
- ▶ **Motivations to go abroad**:
  - ▶ difficulties obtaining an employment in France.
  - ▶ Young graduates declare being victim of a lack of "trust to the juniors " or "discrimination" because of their origins.



# Main Destinations

- ▶ French people registered in the consulates on December 31st, 2010
  - ▶ Switzerland : 145,108
  - ▶ The USA : 115,058
  - ▶ Germany : 111,742
  - ▶ Belgium : 101,236
  - ▶ Spain : 89,391
  - ▶ Canada : 71,404
  - ▶ Israël : 59,018
  - ▶ Italy : 46,554
  - ▶ Morocco : 41,129
  - ▶ Algeria : 28,287
  - ▶ China : 27,207
  - ▶ Luxembourg : 26,136

**Principaux pays de destination des Français  
(inscrits au registre des consulats), au 31 décembre 2010 :**

Suisse	145 108
Etats-Unis	115 058
Royaume uni	113 655
Allemagne	111 742
Belgique	101 236
Espagne	89 391
Canada	71 404
Israël	59 018
Italie	46 554
Maroc	41 129
Algérie(1)	28 287
Chine	27 207
Luxembourg	26 136

*(1) En quatre années ce pays aura vu sa communauté diminuer de 29%, soit plus de 13000 inscrits en moins.*

# Emigration of French Scientists

- ▶ 27 % of the expatriates aiming at the United States are scientists (against 8 % in the 1980s)
- ▶ 40 % of them are the best French researchers in economy.





# Emigration of people over 60

- ▶ Pensioners would be between 40,000 and 50,000 people in Morocco, one of the main destinations.



**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING!**

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