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SECTION 3

## Section Summary

### THE RIGHTS REVOLUTION EXPANDS

Latin American immigrants came to the United States during and after World War II, filling the need for cheap labor. The *bracero* program allowed Mexicans to work on American farms. Later, the 1965 Immigration and Nationality Act Amendments led to a surge in immigration from Mexico. Other immigrants came from Puerto Rico, Cuba, and the Dominican Republic.

Like those in the civil rights movement, Latinos fought against discrimination. They also fought for better working conditions, salaries, and education. The most influential Latino activist was **Cesar Chavez**. He organized the **United Farm Workers (UFW)**. This union implemented a strike and consumer boycott. It also secured safer working conditions for farmworkers. **Migrant farmworkers**, who moved from farm to farm to pick fruits and vegetables, were often treated poorly. The **Chicano movement** worked to reduce poverty and discrimination, and to gain political power for Latinos.

In 1968, the **American Indian Movement (AIM)** was founded to help secure legal rights and self-government for Native Americans. In 1969, a group occupied the island of Alcatraz and claimed it for the Sioux. Later, AIM took over the village of Wounded Knee, South Dakota, to protest living conditions on reservations. This led to the deaths of two AIM members. The government eventually agreed to reexamine treaty rights. Native Americans' efforts resulted in laws that granted tribes greater control over resources on reservations.

Other Americans also secured greater rights. **Ralph Nader** jump-started the consumer rights movement after his book *Unsafe at Any Speed* showed bad car design led to more accidents and deaths. The book prompted Congress to pass laws to improve automobile safety. People with disabilities also secured additional rights.

### Review Questions

1. What factors encouraged Latinos to immigrate to the United States during and after World War II?

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2. What changes did those fighting for Native American rights help bring about?

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### READING CHECK

What organization did Cesar Chavez help organize?

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### VOCABULARY STRATEGY

What does the word *implemented* mean in the underlined sentence? Look for clues in the surrounding words, phrases, and sentences. Circle the words in the underlined sentence that could help you learn what *implemented* means.

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### READING SKILL

**Compare and Contrast** Compare and contrast the results of the UFW's work and Ralph Nader's book.

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