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MISSION 4: "City of Immigrants"

Luna Park, photo

Amusement parks (built at the end of trolley lines to stimulate traffic) achieved broad appeal in the early 1900s, especially among the legions of young immigrant men and women who flocked to parks and beaches on their days off. New York's Coney Island (which included the amusement parks Steeplechase Park, Luna Park, and Dreamland) was the most famous of the new resorts, attracting more than 20 million visitors a year. The photo below depicts Luna Park during its heyday.



Source: "Coney Island, in Luna Park." Bain News Service. ca. 1910 and ca. 1915]. Library of Congress. http://loc.gov/pictures/resource/ggbain.09490/

