East meets West















economic superpower



immigration



AMERICA

A SHINING CITY UPON A HILL







"American literature, especially in the twentieth century, has been shaped by the encounter with the immigrant"

multinational

1965

Immigration and Nationality Act

favoured northern Europeans

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immigration from China and India

1980

9 million legal

2 million illegal

29 % population growth

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2043

White = majority

Bharati Mukherjee

"American Dreamer"

immigrants are changed by America

changed America

"The transformation is a two way process"

"It affects both the individual and the national cultural identities"





East meets West

West is East

A = fluid space

nations and cultures meet

American writing is now writing in America.

geographical

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not ideological