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Brooklyn



As a class we read the cultural essay *Where Worlds Collide* by Pico Iyer. Iyer focuses on the contrast (difference) between the idea of the American Dream and the reality that new immigrants experience in America. Today we will watch the Oscar nominated film *Brooklyn* (2015) based on the 2009 novel of the same name by Colm Tóibín. *Brooklyn* describes the journey of Irish immigrant Eilis Lacey to Brooklyn, New York in the 1950s. Eilis leaves her home in Enniscorthy, Ireland and experiences all the hustle and bustle of New York, as well as the homesickness for her

home country. During your viewing of the film, think about how Pico Iyer juxtaposed (placed side-by-side) the idea of the American Dream with the reality of life in America as an immigrant. Write a minimum of two paragraphs describing how Eilis, like the immigrants in Iyer's essay, experiences the dual realities of the America she imagined and the America she finds. Use specific examples from the film. Write on the back if needed.