

An Interactive Tour of Ellis Island by Scholastic

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Stop 1: The Passage

Where did most immigrants come from who came to Ellis Island?

What pushed them to leave?

How long did a trip by steamship take?

What was steerage?

Define emigrant:

Define immigrant:

Stop 2: The Arrival

What was one of the first things that immigrants saw when they came into New York Harbor?

What did health officers look for when they went on ships?

Stop 3: Baggage

How did third class passengers carry their belongings (hint: look at photos)

Where did they leave them?

What did the concession stand at Ellis Island sell?

Stop 4: Stairs to the Registry Room

Why were doctors watching people walking up the stairs to the registry room?

How many people came through Ellis Island in 1907?

How many hours did it take immigrants to go through Ellis Island?

Stop 5: The Registry Room

What did officials decide in the Great Hall?

Why were many women detained at Ellis Island?

Why were many children under 16 sent back to their home country?

Stop 6: The Medical Exam

What was the 6-second medical exam?

What if you were marked with an X?

What happened to Medical detainees?

Stop 7: The Legal Inspection

How many questions was each immigrant asked?

How did Ellis Island change after 1924?

Stop 8: Detainees

How long did some detainees have to wait?

What happened to a detainee that was turned away?

Stop 9: The Stairs of Separation

What services were there for the immigrants who were leaving Ellis Island?

Did Ellis Island immigrants need pass ports?

How many languages were spoken at Ellis Island?

Stop 10: The Kissing Post

How did the *Kissing Post* get its name?

How did families know when a family member might arrive in the US?

