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Ellis Island WebQuest

Visit <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/tour/>

Directions: Tour each area of Ellis Island. Be sure to click on links for “did you know?” “photos” and “audio” to find the answers to ALL of the questions. There are 9 stops total.

First Stop: The Passage

1. What region did most of the immigrants who passed through Ellis Island come from?
2. What was the part of the ship where most immigrants traveled called?

Second Stop: The Arrival

3. How long has the Statue of Liberty been greeting new immigrants to the country?
4. What was the first step of the health inspection?
5. Which passengers were first to receive a health inspection?
6. How long did third class passengers have to wait to be inspected?
7. Would third class passengers be allowed to leave the ship immediately once it docked in New York? Why or why not?
8. Who was the first immigrant at Ellis Island? (include name, age, and country of origin)
9. What percentage of passengers on a ship had to be taken to Ellis Island for immigration processing?
10. Click on Audio. Whose story is being told in the clip? What country is he from? Write one fact from his description of his experience.

Third Stop: Baggage Room

11. Where did immigrants leave their bags?
12. After dropping off their bags, what was their next stop?
13. What was sold at the concession stand at Ellis Island?
14. What types of things did immigrants pack?

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15. Click on Audio. Listen to the Oral History of Manny Steen from Ireland. Write one fact from his description of his experience.

Fourth Stop: Stairs to the Registry Room

16. What did the doctors on the second floor look for as the immigrants entered the room?
17. What was the highest number of immigrants for a single day at Ellis Island?
18. How long did the average process take at Ellis Island? Why?

Fifth Stop: The Registry Room

19. What was the nickname of the registry room?
20. How big was it?
21. What was the job of officials in the registry room?
22. What is trachoma? How did officials check for it and what could happen if you had it?
23. Why were women not allowed to enter Ellis Island alone until after WWII?
24. What would happen to a child under 16 if they were not accompanied by a parent?

Sixth Stop: Medical Exam

25. What was the six second physical?
26. How were you marked if you were considered a risk to public health?
27. What did the letter X mean?
28. What did the Immigration Act of 1891 do?
29. What was the average stay for a medical detainee?
30. About how many immigrants were sent back to their home countries for incurable or contagious diseases or disabilities?
31. Click on photos. What did the chalk letters Pg mean?

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Seventh Stop: Legal Inspection

32. What did you have to do to prove you were legally ok to come to America?
33. How did immigration policies change after WWI?
34. What happened to Ellis Island after 1924?

Eighth Stop: Detainees

35. What were the two nicknames for Ellis Island?
36. Where did legal detainees live?
37. What was the process for being cleared if you were a medical detainee?
38. How many babies were born on Ellis Island?
39. How many immigrants died at Ellis Island?
40. How much was return passage if you were turned away from America and denied entry?

Ninth Stop: The Stairs of Separation

41. What was the purpose of each of the three aisles? Who traveled down each aisle?
42. What kind of offices were at the bottom of the stairs?
43. By 1911, how many foreign languages were being spoken at Ellis Island?
44. When did Ellis Island start requiring passports and visas?

Tenth Stop: The Kissing Post

45. How did the Kissing Post get its name?
46. By 1913, how many people worked at Ellis Island? What kinds of jobs did they do?
47. What ways did immigrants use to let family members in America know when they would be arriving?