

Ellis Island Interactive Immigrant Experience

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Stop 1: The Passage

1. Ellis Island was an immigrant processing center off of the coast of _____.
2. Over _____ people were processed at Ellis Island while it operated between 1892-1924. _____ of people currently living in the United States can trace an ancestor back to Ellis Island.
3. Immigrants arrived after a two week trip on a cramped and crowded _____.
4. Most immigrants who came to Ellis Island were from _____.
5. Immigrants were usually arriving escaping _____ and _____.

Stop 2: The Arrival

1. How does Lawrence Meinwald describe the passage to America in the steamship?
2. How does Lawrence Meinwald describe seeing the Statue of Liberty for the first time?
3. Using the pictures on the wall and the information you know, why do you think Immigrants were so excited to arrive at Ellis Island?

Stop 3: The Registry Room

1. Typically, the immigration process took only a few _____.
2. Registration was often a _____ process, few immigrants spoke English well and the inspectors could determine whether to let you in to the United States or _____.

Stop 4: The Medical and Legal Inspection

1. _____ total people with diseases or disabilities were sent back to their home countries.
2. Women were not allowed to enter America _____ until after World War II.
3. Using the images on the wall, give 3 examples of the kinds of medical issues inspectors looked for:
4. Why was Rachel Chenitz's mother almost denied entry to Ellis Island?

Stop 5: Detainees and Stairs of Separation

1. About _____% of immigrants passing through Ellis Island were detained.
2. After watching the movie *Ellis*, explain why would Ellis Island have both been known as the "Island of Tears" and "Island of Hope"?

Stop 6: The Kissing Post

1. Where did the Kissing Post get its name?
2. What happened when Estelle Belford greeted her father at the Kissing Post?