

# ELLIS ISLAND TOUR

During the late 1800s and early 1900s there was a period when immigrants moved to the United States to find the *American Dream*. As you move through the various parts of the Ellis Island virtual tour, explore each step, which includes reading the text, examining the photos, listening to firsthand accounts, and watching video selections from the era. You need to examine what is the importance of each step for both US customs officials and the immigrants themselves. Try to put yourself in their shoes of what a difficult, intimidating journey and process it was to get into the USA- these people really must have wanted to be Americans!! Use complete sentences and a pair of headphones to help you through the website.

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

## 1<sup>st</sup> Stop: The Passage

- Key idea(s) from the text--
- Select photo and examine what it shows and hwy it stands out to you (be descriptive):

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Stop: The Arrival

- Key idea(s) from text---
- Select photo and examine what it shows and why it stands out to you (be descriptive):
- Audio- (interesting story from Lawrence Meinwald)-
- Video (summarize key ideas of landing at Ellis Island)---



## 3<sup>rd</sup> Stop: The Ellis Island Baggage Room

- Key idea(s) from text-
- Select photo and examine what it shows and why it stands out to you (be descriptive):
- Audio- (interesting story from Manny Steen)-
- Video (summarize key ideas of New Immigrants at Ellis Island)---

## 4<sup>th</sup> Stop: The Stairs to the Registry Room

- Key idea from text-
- Select photo and examine what it shows and why it stands out to you (be descriptive):

## 5<sup>th</sup> Stop: The Registry Room

- Key idea(s) from text-
- Select photo and examine what it shows and why it stands out to you (be descriptive):
- Audio- (interesting story from Lucy Attarain)-

## 6<sup>th</sup> Stop: The Medical Exam

- Key idea(s) from text-
- Select photo and examine what it shows and why it stands out to you (be descriptive):
- Audio- (interesting story from Rachel Chenitz)-



## 7<sup>th</sup> Stop: The Legal Inspection

- Key idea(s) from text-
- Select photo and examine what it shows and why it stands out to you (be descriptive):
- Audio- (interesting story from Paul Lauric)-

## 8<sup>th</sup> Stop: Detainees

- Key idea(s) from text-
- Select photo and examine what it shows and why it stands out to you (be descriptive):

## 9<sup>th</sup> Stop: The Stairs of Separation

- Key idea(s) from text-
- Select photo and examine what it shows and why it stands out to you (be descriptive):
- Audio- (interesting story from Manny Steen)-

## 10<sup>th</sup> Stop: The Kissing Post

- Key idea(s) from text-
- Select photo and examine what it shows and why it stands out to you (be descriptive):
- Audio- (interesting story from Estelle Belford)-



Ellis Island opened in 1892 as a federal immigration station, a purpose it served for more than 60 years (it closed in 1954). Millions of newly arrived immigrants passed through the station during that time-in fact, it has been estimated that close to 40 percent of all current U.S. citizens can trace at least one of their ancestors to Ellis Island.