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Ellis Island Virtual Tour Activity

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



Stop 1: The Passage

1.) How did the invention of the steam ship help transform the process of immigration to America?

Stop 2: The Arrival

2.) Who was the first immigrant to arrive at Ellis Island? When did she arrive?

3.) When people traveled to New York from other countries by boat, life on boats was different depending on how much money they paid for their ticket. People with first class tickets had good food on the boat and comfy bedrooms. The cheapest tickets were called **steerage**. Click on the “audio” link and listen to a man talk about what life was like in steerage on a boat to America. Describe what it was like in steerage.

Stop 3: The Ellis Island Baggage Room

4.) Click on the “photo” link, observe the photos and read the captions. Describe what you see in the photos from Ellis Island.

Stop 4: The Stairs to the Registry Room

5.) Click on “did you know”. How many immigrants came through Ellis Island on its busiest day?

Stop 5: The Registry Room

6.) Click on the “audio” link. Paraphrase the story told by the immigrant woman.

Stop 6: The Medical Exam

7.) What symbol/ mark was used to identify immigrants with the following disorders:

Mental illness _____ Conjunctivitis _____ Trachoma _____

Stop 7: The Legal Inspection

8.) What was the purpose of the legal inspection? How can this relate to current events?

Stop 8: Detainees

9.) What process did detainees go through after they determined to be unfit for America?

Stop 9: The Stairs of Separation

10.) What was the one thing that all immigrants needed once they passed through Ellis Island?

Stop 10: The Kissing Post

11.) How did the kissing post get its name?
