

# Online Ellis Island Experience

Instructions: *Click on each of the STOPS on the online Ellis Island Tour and respond to the questions.*

## Stop #1 – The Passage

- 1) Describe the travel methods and conditions immigrants had in traveling to America.
- 2) Define immigrant and emigrant

## Stop #2 – The Arrival

- 3) How were first and second class passengers treated differently than third class passengers when they reached Ellis Island?
- 4) What was it like for Lawrence Meinwald coming into New York Harbor?

## Stop #3 – The Baggage Room

- 5) What was given to all immigrants who disembarked the steamers?
- 6) Describe Manny Steen's experience entering Ellis Island.

## Stop #4 – The Stairs

- 7) How many people did the officials at Ellis expect per year? How many came in 1907?
- 8) What did officials look for as people climbed the stair to the Registry Room?

## Stop #5 – The Registry Room

- 9) Explain how the Great Hall could have been so confusing and scary for a new immigrant.
- 10) Why did the agent not believe that Lucy Attarian was her parents' child? Why did her parents not produce proof?

## Stop #6 – The Medical Exam

- 11) Approximately how many were denied entry into America? What was the United States trying to prevent by denying some immigrants entrance?
- 12) Identify the following medical shorthand:  
Suspected mental defect, definite signs of mental disease, back, conjunctivitis, trachoma, eyes, face, feet, goiter, heart, hernia, lameness, neck, physical and lungs, pregnancy, scalp, senility

## Stop # 7 – Legal Inspection

- 13) What were 6 of the 29 questions immigrants were asked?
- 14) After World War I why did people not go through Ellis Island?

## Stop #8 - Detainees

- 15) If an immigrant was denied entrance to America, who paid for the passage back home?

## Stop #9 – Stairs of Separation

- 16) Starting in 1925 what did people have to have to immigrate to the US?
- 17) According to Manny Steen how did some immigrants get \$20 to enter America?

## Stop #10 – The Kissing Post

- 18) What did Estelle Belford's father say to her mother after they arrived in America?