

# What is Immigration?

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# What is immigration and Why did people immigrate?



Immigration is the process of others coming to America permanently from their native country. They came because of poverty, freedom, religious freedom, jobs, war, natural disasters, cruelty, education, government, health, and myths they heard. The immigrants heard that the streets were paved with gold and you could get anything you want.



# Countries People Immigrated From

❑ CHINA

❑ ROMÂNIA

❑ INDIA

❑ POLAND

❑ MEXICO

❑ FRANCE

❑ GERMANY

❑ NIGERIA



# Positive And Negative Things About Coming To The U.S.

Positive	Negative
Immigrants wanted religious freedom	They had to live in Tenements with bad conditions like broken windows and small rooms
They also wanted new jobs to earn money	Immigrants had trouble communicating because they came from around the world and spoke different languages
Immigrants wanted more money to buy food	School was hard because of learning a new language
They had family already living there	Immigrants' names get changed

# Immigrant Timeline 1820-1900

**1820**

The slave trade had ended. Immigrants did the jobs slaves used to do.

**1840-1850**

Most Irish immigrants came to the U.S. because of the potato famine in Ireland.

**1860**

Not many immigrants came to America due to the Civil War. All immigrants here helped each other during the war.

**1880**

Steam power was invented and the journey to America was shortened.

**1890**

The Ellis Island Station opened. 12 million immigrants came through on the way to America.

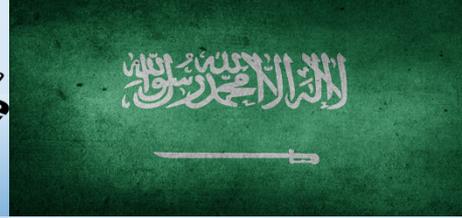




# Hardships on Journey

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# Different Languages



Since Immigrants came from all over Europe, there were many different languages spoken. This made it hard to communicate. Immigrants did not know where to go or what to do. They were confused.

Some languages that could be heard throughout the ship were:

French

German

Polish

Italian

Chinese

Spanish

Dutch





# Steerage



Steerage was a stressful journey. Poor immigrants traveled to America in **Steerage** which is located at the very the bottom of the ship. It was a hard journey for the immigrants in steerage to get to America but they were determined to make it. Immigrants were given moldy, black, spoiled bread and soggy soup to eat. They were lucky if they had a bed to sleep on. If they didn't, they slept standing up. The sight of the blue-ish statue stands tall. It was the Statue of Liberty.

## Conditions of Steerage

- Dirty
- Foul Smell
- Crowded-No Space
- No Service-Work for Yourself



# 1st Class & Second Class



## 1st Class

Had Their Inspections On The Boat

Best Quality Of Silverware, Food And Clothes

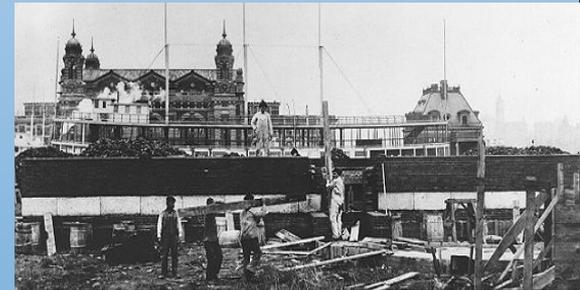
First Class Passengers Would Sometimes Throw Coins, Oranges And Nuts At Immigrants in Steerage for Fun

## 2nd Class

Had Their Inspections On The Boat

2nd Best Quality Of Silverware, Food And Clothes

2nd Class Passengers Paid Less Money For Tickets





# Hardships At Ellis Island

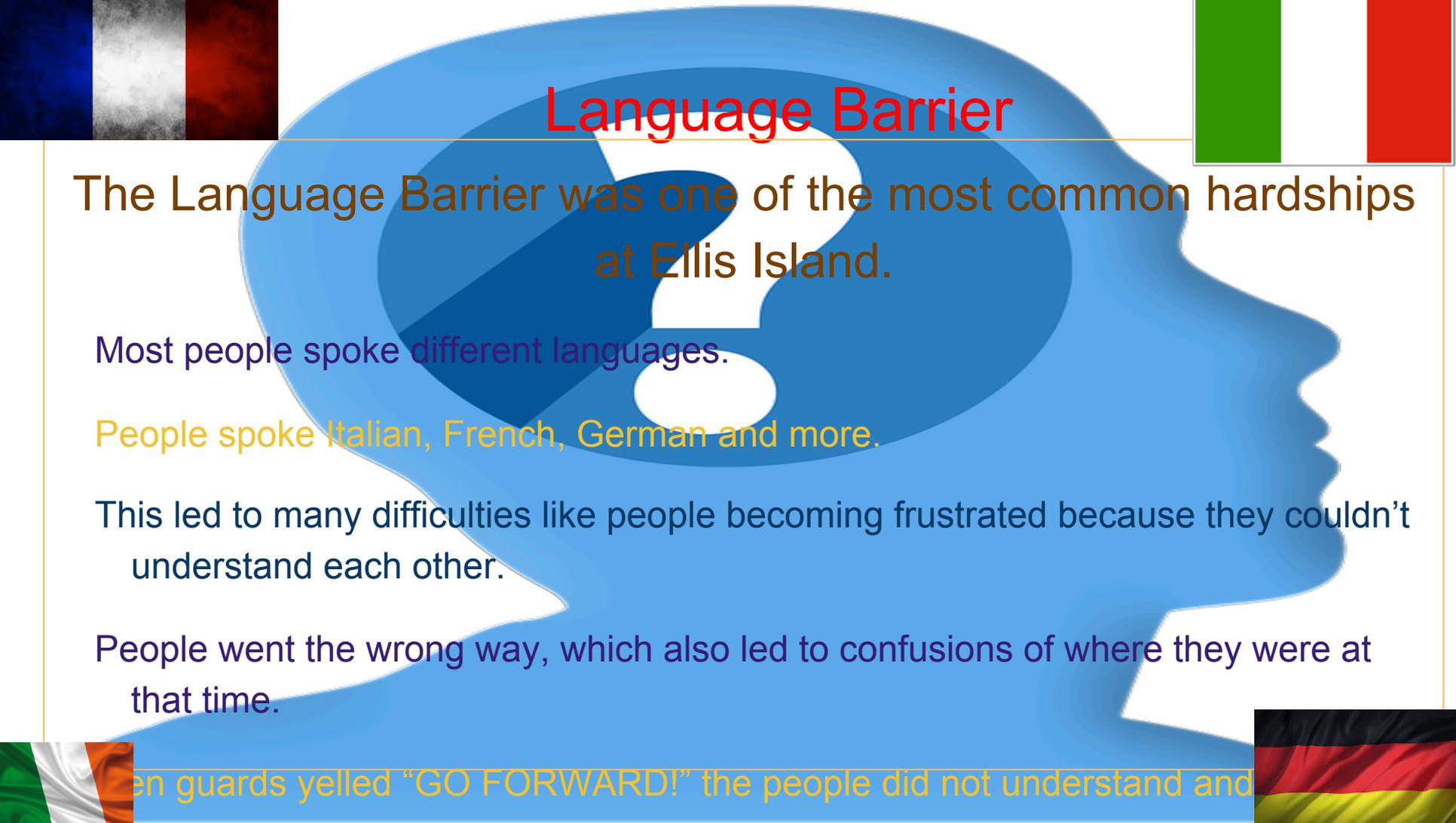


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# About Ellis Island



- Ellis Island is a Federal Immigration Station for the eastern US.
- It is located in New York Harbor.
- It was built during WWI to WWII
- Samuel Ellis bought "Ellis Island" in 1776 and hired crews to make it into the Federal Immigration Station.
- On June 15, 1897, the main building was destroyed by a fire.



# Language Barrier

The Language Barrier was one of the most common hardships at Ellis Island.

Most people spoke different languages.

People spoke Italian, French, German and more.

This led to many difficulties like people becoming frustrated because they couldn't understand each other.

People went the wrong way, which also led to confusions of where they were at that time.

When guards yelled "GO FORWARD!" the people did not understand and

# MEDICAL TESTS ON ELLIS ISLAND

**Doctors watched as immigrants walked up stairs to the 2nd floor to look for signs of weakness, heavy breathing or mental illness. Doctors examined, hair, face, neck and hands. They were marked with chalk if they needed a further exam.**

**To check for Trachoma, a very contagious eye illness, doctors used a button hook to lift the eyelid.**

**2 out of 10 immigrants were sent back to their country because they weren't healthy enough. Children over 12 could be send back by themselves. Under 12 went back with a parent.**



# Education Tests

Besides medical examinations, immigrants had to also pass other tests in order to make it through to America.

## Intelligence Test

- Immigrants were asked questions about themselves
- Immigrants were asked to solve simple mathematical problems
- Immigrants were asked to count back from 20 to 1
- Immigrants were asked to complete a puzzle

## Legal Inspection

- Immigrants were asked if they were married.
- Immigrants were asked what was their occupation.
- Immigrants were asked how much money they had.
- Immigrants were asked if they had ever been convicted of a crime.

## Literacy Test

- Immigrants had to prove they could read.



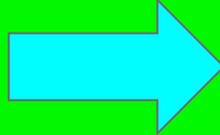


# Interviews of immigrants- Ellis Island

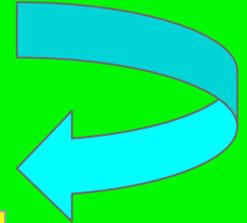
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# James Karavolas:

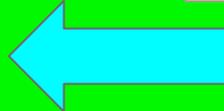
Turks come invading and bombing Greece so, James and his family fled to America for safety.



In 1915, James' dad paid for the ship to take them to America. They went from Athens, Greece to the Coast of Italy to America.

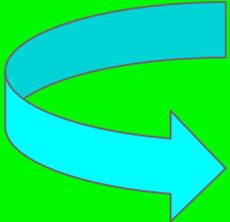


The family settled in the Lower West Side of Manhattan in an Ethnic neighborhood with Greeks all around.



James' dad's friend recommended that James' dad get a job at the United Biscuit Company. The money he earned would pay for a house for the family.

James became a furrier which is someone who designs and cleans furs. He is married and lives in Long Island.



# Annie Moore

- ★ Annie was the first immigrant on Ellis Island. She was 15 years old.
- ★ She was born in Cork County, Ireland on January 1st, 1877.
- ★ Annie has three brothers: Tom, Anthony, and Phillip.
- ★ In December 1891, Annie and her brothers received a letter from her parents with three tickets for them to come to America.
- ★ Annie and her brothers came to Ellis Island to meet their parents.



# The Weinstein Family

The Weinstein Family Left Russia to escape a war.

The father and oldest brother left Russia to go to America. They wanted to gain fortune for their family. The rest of the family stayed in Russia.

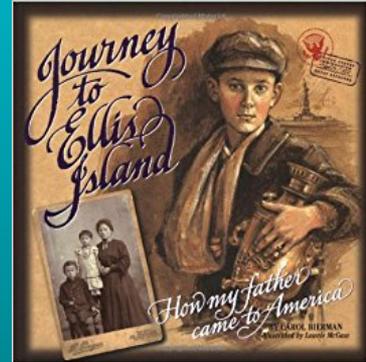
He was forced to leave America to go back to Russia to fight in the war.

Yehuda, Esther and Rachel escaped the war and went to America. When they were escaping, Yehuda was shot in the top of the ring finger and it fell off.

When they entered America, the guards questioned Yehuda because of his finger. After Yehuda had to pass several other medical tests, they were eventually let through.

The oldest brother found the family and took them to live their new life

Look HERE !!!





# Countries Then

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**CHINA**



**Chinese immigrants came to America for many different reasons, such as to escape poverty, and to have religious freedom. Most Chinese immigrants settled in San Francisco, California. Some jobs Chinese people had were to build the transcontinental railroad- a railroad that goes from California to Colorado . Laws were passed that stopped anyone in China from immigrating for 10 years. Assimilation was difficult for Chinese immigrants because of the way they were treated**

## ITALY

**The largest number of Italian immigrants came in 1901-1902**

**Most Italian people came in 1905**

**More Italians have have migrated than any other Country in Europe**

**In America, most Italians settled in New York, New Orleans, Minnesota, and California**

**More Italians settled in New York than any other place in the U.S.**

**Italian immigrants began to cluster together soon after they arrived in America, those areas where they clustered were called “Little Italy”**

**In Italy, many people did not have enough food to eat, and at times there was little rain so farmers couldn't grow crops**





## Ireland



**The potato famine( a great shortage of food) left families without food. About 350,000 people died of starvation, so most Irish left for America. Other reasons most Irish immigrated to America was for better education, the California Gold Rush, and for better job opportunities. Most Irish immigrants settled in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, and New Jersey because there they could easily find jobs in coal mines. Some of the Irish helped build the Transcontinental Railroad, and they worked from Colorado to California. Some of the Irish worked in coal mines, as teachers, firefighters, and policemen. Many Irish were laborers on the Erie Canal.**



# RUSSIA



RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS CAME TO THE U.S BECAUSE THERE WERE ARGUMENTS IN THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT ,THEY WERE AFRAID OF PUNISHMENT BECAUSE DIFFERENT RELIGIOUS BELIEFS.THEY ALSO CAME BECAUSE OF FAMINE. (A GREAT SHORTAGE OF FOOD)

THEY MOSTLY SETTLED IN KANSAS

RUSSIAN IMMIGRANTS WORKED IN WHEAT MILL GRINDING FLOURS FACTORIES AND MINES. THEY ALSO WORKED AS LABORERS

THEY LOVED TO SING AND DANCE

MANY FAMOUS CLASSICAL MUSIC COMPOSERS CAME FROM THIS COUNTRY



# Germany



The very first German immigrants came to America in 1683  
5,496,691 German immigrants came to America between 1820-1920  
German Immigrants came to America to escape their punishments of religious belief

After getting through medical exams in Ellis Island most German immigrants took trains to Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan  
German immigrants were comfortable in America because of farming  
Many listened to tubas and trumpets for fun and music



**IMMIGRATION  
NATION**



# The Process of Immigration Then and Now

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# Medical Examinations

X	Suspected mental defect	F	Face	P	Physical and Lungs
⊗	Definite signs of mental disease observed	F+	Feet	P <sub>3</sub>	Pregnancy
B	Back	G	Golter	Sc	Scalp (Favus)
C	Conjunctivitis	H	Heart	S	Senility
CT	Trachoma	K	Hernia		
E	Eyes	L	Lameness		
		N	Neck		

Immigrants got checked by doctors while walking up the stairs

Immigrants with poor health or an incurable disease were sent back to wherever they came from.

Inspectors put signs on their clothes so they know who they are.

Doctors mainly put an X which meant mental problems and were also sent back to their country.

The immigrants who needed more medical exams were left on the island for as long as four days.

# The Legal Inspections Separation

After immigrants were cleared by doctors, they would wait in long lines with an identification card

The legal inspectors sat at high desks at the end of the Great Hall

Inspectors asked each immigrant between 20-30 questions like, “what is your name?, place of birth? and where are you going?”

Inspectors usually only took 2-3 minutes with each immigrant

If the inspector found something wrong with them or didn't like their answer, they would detain you or send you back to their



# Stairs of

Everyone went down the stairs of separation even if they were detained

If you went down the left staircase you would go to the ferry straight to Manhattan

If you went down the right staircase, you would go to the railroad to travel out west.

If you went straight, unfortunately you would go to the detention rooms.

If you passed all examinations the inspectors gave you the registry card that allowed you to enter America.

The last step was for immigrants to their money for US dollars



# Process Now About Passports and Green Cards

## Passport



1. A passport is a government document that shows you are a citizen of a country
2. Starting in the 1800's and 1900's the passports started to look like they do today
3. U.S passports have 28 pages.  
  
It includes name, photo, and stamps from countries you have visited.
4. All citizens (including babies) must have

## Green card

1. A green card is a identification card that allows a person to legally live and work in the U.S. on a permanent basis  
  
You can get a green card through family, a job, or if you are a refugee
2. It gives an immigrant permission to live and work in the US (called naturalization)
3. The US only allows specific numbers of green cards to be given from a specific country

# What do you need to do to become a US citizen?



1. You have to have lived in the US for at least 5 years (sometimes this rule is waived) and you have to be at least 18 years old.
2. You also have to have a valid green card. A green card is a document that says your name, has your photo, describes you, and has your fingerprint on it.
3. You have to have lived in your current state where you have applied for your citizenship for at least 3 months.
4. You have to know certain things about the American government. You even have to pass a test about American history (including holidays!).

5. Finally, you have to be able to read, write and speak English. You also have to



A wooden gavel is positioned diagonally across the frame, resting on a large, cylindrical wooden block. The gavel's handle extends from the bottom left towards the top right. The block has a textured, wood-grain surface. The background is a dark, textured grey with a subtle light gradient. The text is overlaid on the gavel and block.

# Immigration Laws

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# The Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882

This is China ->

The Chinese exclusion act of 1882 was intended to restrict immigration from China for 10 years from 1882 to 1892.

American miners complained about Chinese and attacked them.

The act was extended for 10 years in 1892.

China was an ally of U.S. during world war II. Congress partially lifted the ban in 1943 but only 105 chinese immigrants were allowed to come in the U.S. per year

# Immigration Act of 1917

- The Immigration Act of 1917 was a literary test that you needed to take when you were 16 years or older. You needed to do this to pass through Ellis Island.
- If immigrants didn't pass this test, they weren't allowed into America. The purpose of this literary test was so that immigrants coming into America would be able to read and survive.
- The Immigration Act of 1917 is also known as the Asiatic Barred Zone Act.
- This law was passed by congress on February 5, 1917.
- To pass the test, you needed to read 30-40 words in your native language.



# Quota Act of 1921

The Quota act of 1921 was mainly designed to stop immigration from Eastern and Southern Europe.

No more than 3% of the total amount of immigrants from any specific country already living in the U.S. could migrate to America during a year.

They only allowed 350,000 immigrants into Ellis Island every year. The Quota act didn't allow Asians to enter U.S..

Many members of the Congress were from Europe. So, they made laws

Europe



Great Britain, Scotland from Europe.

# Table of The Annual Immigration Quotas Defined

Country		Quota	
Germany	51,227 people	Italy	3,845 people
Great Britain	34,007 people	Denmark	2,789 people
Ireland	28,567 people	Russia	2,248 people
Sweden	9,561 people	Romania	603 people
Norway	6,453 people	Spain	131 people
Poland	5,982 people	Greece	100 people
France	3,954 people	Turkey	100 people

# Multiple Dwelling Act of 1929



- The Multiple Dwelling Act was established in 1929. There was no running water in a tenement and no heat. So, they made a law that tenements would need to have running water and heat.
- Between 1933 and 1934 the state of New York forced owners to fix tenements.
- In time owners had to fix run down buildings. They were forced to put lights in the hallways. They also had to add toilets and sinks inside.
- The city began to build neighborhood parks. Children could finally play somewhere other than the streets.

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1850



1900

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1950

Multiple Dwelling Act  
of 1921  
The Multiple Dwelling Act of 1921 was when they made a law that tenements would now have running water and heat.



# Tenement Facts

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# What is a Tenement ?

- ❑ *A tenement is a small narrow apartment building*
  - ❑ *The word tenement comes from “tenant-house” which means a house to rent*
- ❑ *People moved into tenements so that they could be with people who came from their home country, and who shared the same religion, food and customs*
- ❑ *A lot of tenements were in the Lower East Side of NY*
- ❑ *Many families lived on the top floors and businesses were on the ground floor*



# Tenement Life



- ❑ Tenement life was usually crowded. Immigrants usually had big families.
- ❑ Most tenements were built for one family. But to save money two families often lived in a tenement.
- ❑ Monday was laundry day for immigrants living in the lower east side.
- ❑ When it was cold people did their laundry inside. They had to carry big heavy pans of water up the stairs.
- ❑ Early tenement buildings did not have indoor bathrooms. Therefore, people used privies (outhouses)
- ❑ At night people might use a chamber pot to go the bathroom they empty it in the privy in the morning.



## Schools

- ★ Most immigrant children had to work instead of going to school!
- ★ The city paid for the public schools so children can learn.
- ★ The lower East Side schools were usually overcrowded.
- ★ Immigrant children learned skills by going to club meetings.
- ★ The children worked in the morning and they went to school at night!

... to stay awake in class at

# Work For immigrants

Some immigrants did sewing as work.

Some immigrants tenements turned into mini factories, they called them sweatshops.

Immigrants made clothes or rolled cigars.

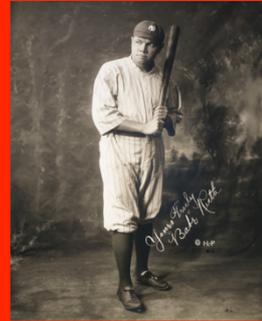
A lot of immigrants got only \$ 1.25 a day if they worked in factories

Workers in sweatshops made a little bit



# What did Immigrants do for fun?

- ❑ Families from the Lower East Side liked to go to Coney Island. Coney Island was an amusement park.
- ❑ Immigrants played a game called “One O’ Cat” that was like baseball but instead of a ball they used a wooden block
- ❑ Girls enjoyed playing Ring around the Rosie
- ❑ People also enjoyed swimming at the beach
- ❑ They also paid to see animals like Lions and Elephants at the zoo
- ❑ Girls also enjoyed playing Hop Scotch





# Countries today

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# *Indian Immigration*

- *Currently, Indian immigrants are the second largest group of immigrants coming to the U.S.*
- *2.8 million Indian American immigrants live in the United States.*
- *New York and Texas have the largest population of Indian immigrants.*
- *Right now, almost half of the country's motels are owned by Indians.*

# Mexico

- **There are 11.7 million Mexican immigrants today living in the USA.**
- **California and Texas have the largest number of immigrants from Mexico.**
- **Most Mexican immigrants come to the us because of drug related violence and crimes.**



- In 2010, the Census reported over 3.3 million adult Chinese Americans.
- Chinese people have the largest population of people in America besides Americans replacing Mexico in 2013.
- New York and California have the largest population of Chinese immigrants.



# Philippine Immigrants

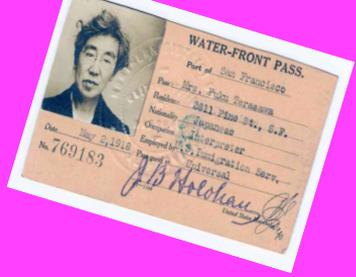
- There are 1,844,000 Philippines immigrants in America as of 2013.
- One-third of Filipino-born immigrants live in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York.
- Filipino-americans work in many different fields such as the health field, service industry, technology, education, government, armed forces and construction.



# Angel Island!

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# Paper Sons And Daughters

- Paper Sons and Daughters were Chinese children who tried to immigrate illegally.
- They would bring false papers saying they were related to someone who was already living in the United States.
- While on Angel Island, the children were asked questions to make sure their parents were really living in the U.S. Many children had to study about their

and memorize details about people they had never met





# The Process



Angel Island was used as an immigration station. It was also used as a detention center and a temporary prison to hold military prisoners.

175,000 immigrants were processed, most of them were detained.

The detention facility was considered ideal because of its isolated location, making it very easy to control immigrants, as well as any outbreaks of a disease, and enforce the new immigration laws.

Chinese immigrants went through the most traumatic experiences especially the women, the humiliation of being jabbed and examined by white doctors.

Deportation on account of having certain diseases such as trachoma, an eye related disease, and parasites (hookworm) was common.





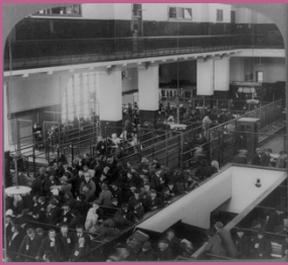
# Angel Island VS. Ellis Island

- Both Angel Island and Ellis Island were used for immigrants to enter into America

- Angel Island treated their immigrants unfairly which made more people want to immigrate at Ellis Island.
- , On Angel Island immigrants were processed through weeks.
- Angel Island had filthy conditions and were detained for long periods of time.
- One of the questions that Angel Island asked to immigrants if there were any family members were already living here so they made paper sons and daughters.

- At Ellis Island immigrants were processed through within hours or days
- Ellis Island treated their immigrants more fairly than Angel Island their medical exams took 60 seconds.
- Ellis Island was located in New York harbor on the East Coast





# History



- Angel Island was an immigration station in California that was opened on January 21, 1910 and was closed on November 5th, 1940
- Its nickname was “Ellis Island of the West” because many Asian immigrants entered the US through Angel Island.
- Many immigrants were detained and interrogated
- At Angel Island about 18% of all immigrants were rejected but at Ellis Island only about 1-3% of immigrants were rejected
- Before it became an Immigration Station, Native Americans used the island for about 2,000 years as fishing and hunting grounds.
- During World War II Angel Island was used to confine military prisoners



# Famous Immigrants



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Yo-Yo-Ma

Born in 1955 in Paris, France to Chinese parents.

He came to the US when he was 5 in the 1960's

He is best known for playing the cello.

When he was 7 he played the cello for the president in the  
White House.

He plays most of his music on a cello that is over 250 years  
old

His cello is worth \$2.5 million and it's name is Petunia



# Harry Houdini

**He was born in Budapest March 24, 1874**

**He immigrated from Hungary to the United States**

**When he was nine, he performed in a circus and was called Enrich The Prince Of Air**

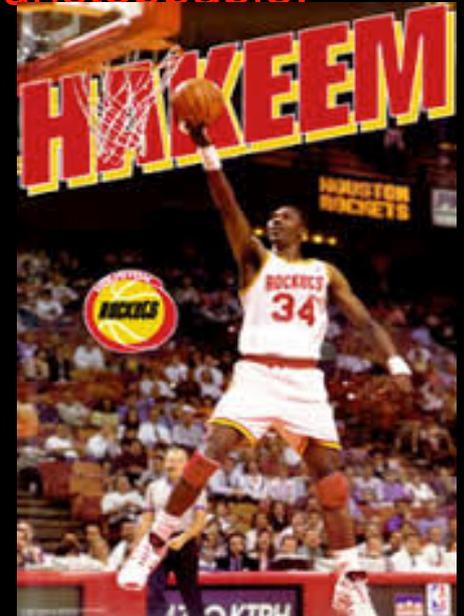
**Harry performed an act called the Water Torture where he had to hold his breath for 3 minutes and try to get out of a water cage locked**

**He escaped from chains, ropes, jail cells, locked crates and underwater coffins**

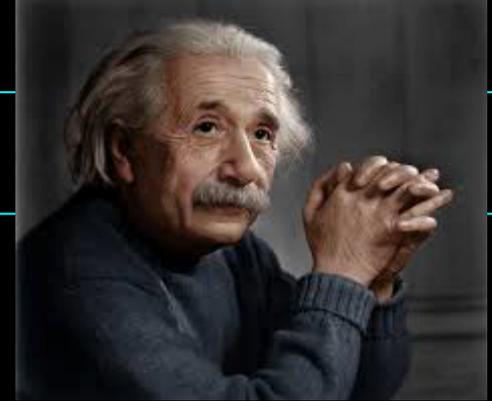


# HAKEEM OLAJUWON

- Hakeem Olajuwon was born January 21, 1956.
- He came from Nigeria, Africa.
- He is known for playing basketball.
- He didn't play basketball until he was 15 years old.
- Hakeem made movies, played soccer and was almost unstoppable.
- He was on the Houston Rockets NBA team.
- His nickname is 'The Dream'.
- He is 7 feet tall..



# Albert Einstein



He was born March 14, 1879 to a Jewish family

He was born in Ulm, Germany

He created the formula  $E=mc^2$  and is one of the most brilliant scientists ever

Einstein's formula contributed to the atomic, or nuclear, bomb and to atomic energy

He couldn't talk until he was nine years old

He got kicked out of school once when he was younger

Einstein did experiments in his head called gedankenexperiments

# Rihanna

born February 20, 1988 in Saint Michael, Barbados and is 29 years old.

Rihanna is known for being a pop star

Her real name is Robyn Rihanna Fenty

She sang when she was young

She won Grammys and MTV Awards

She played a small role in the movie, Home

She moved to New York City

She moved since she had family problems





# Real life Accounts

By:

Camilla Villanueva Castro

Harshil Patel

Mahit Patel

Isabel Quaely



# Christy Ranjit

- **My name is Christy Ranjit.**
- **I was born on December 24, 2007 in the United States, but I lived in India for five years before coming back to the US.**
- **My family came to the United States for a better education.**
- **I like living here because there were parts of India that were not as clean and where I live it's cleaner.**



I Like My Country



# Gabriele Quaely



- My mother Gabriele was born on December 12, 1963 in Germany.
- She's from the area of Gablingen.
- My mother came here to the U.S. to learn the english language when she was 22, which was 30 years ago.
- Gabriele is a massage therapist and is very good at her job. She loves doing it and she is happy with what she does.
- Last year my mother had to overcome an illness that kept her from doing her job for 10 months. She's healing well. She's proud because she's a



## Dagoberto Villanueva



- My father was born in Mexico. His birthdate is August 1, 1981.
- Right now, he is 35 years old.
- My dad has 7 brothers and 2 sisters, which was a lot for a family with little money.
- My father came to America when he was 17 years old.
- Dagoberto came because he wanted more opportunities. He also wanted to help his family that already lived in

# Harshil Patel

- I was born in India on November 2, 2007.
- I came to America in 2016 with my mother and met up with my father, who was already here.
- I came here because my dad's company sent him here for work.
- I didn't face many challenges because I was preparing to come by practicing english.
- I enjoy school here because the strategies used to are different than in India.



The background of the entire slide is a waving American flag. The stars and stripes are clearly visible, with the blue field of stars on the left and the red and white stripes on the right.

## Mahit Patel

- I was born in Kenya on January 19, 1997.
- I have lived in India, Kenya and came to the United States when I was 9 years old.
- I came here for a better life.

I was so excited because I thought that America was the best country.

- I felt free living in America because I had heard so many things that I was always talking about them.
- I always thought about what my life would be like here.
- My dad, mom, and I are happy in America because here, we have everything.





# The Statue of Liberty

The History, Symbolism, and Significance to Immigrants

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# The History of the Statue of Liberty



**The Statue of Liberty was a gift from France given to the United States on October 28, 1886.**



**The Statue of Liberty was designed by Frederic Bartholdi and took him 21 years to make.**



**The statue was so large it had to be taken apart in order to ship in crates across the Atlantic Ocean.**



**The official name of the statue is Liberty Enlightening the World, but she also goes by other names including Lady Liberty.**

# Symbolism

*The Statue of Liberty is more symbolic than you think!*



**The Statue of Liberty is wearing a robe modeled after the Roman Goddess of Freedom (Libertas).**



**The torch she holds represents the light of the world.**



**Her crown has 7 points representing the 7 continents and the 7 seas.**



**The broken chains at Lady Liberty's feet represents the United States breaking free of tyranny.**



**Lady Liberty is holding a tablet in her left hand that represents law with the date July 4, 1776.**



# Significance of the Statue of Liberty to Early Immigrants

**The Statue of Liberty is located on Liberty Island in the NY Harbor. It was the first thing immigrants would see as they arrived at Ellis Island. The Statue of Liberty represents many things including FRIENDSHIP between nations and FREEDOM from oppression – a major reason people immigrated to the United States. When ships would sail into the Harbor, Lady Liberty was said to be there to welcome the passengers to the land of the free!**



# Fun Facts

- ✓ **The Statue of Liberty weighs about 225 tons (which equals 450,000 lbs.) That's like piling up 5, 294 fourth graders!**
- ✓ **If you wanted to climb from the bottom of the statue to the top of the crown, you would have to climb up 354 steps.**
- ✓ **The exterior or outside of the Statue of Liberty is made out of copper like a penny, but it has turned green due to oxidation from rain and the sea water.**
- ✓ **About 4 million people visit the Statue of Liberty every year.**
- ✓ **The Statue of Liberty is estimated to be hit by 600 bolts of lightning every year.**
- ✓ **The Statue of Liberty wears a size 879 shoe!**