

# What Was Ellis Island

## At Ellis Island

The experiences of people coming to the United States from many different lands are conveyed in the words of a contemporary young girl visiting Ellis Island and of a girl who immigrated in about 1910, as well as by quotes from early twentieth century immigrants and Ellis Island officials.

## Children of Ellis Island

Burdened with bundles and baskets, a million or more immigrant children passed through the often grim halls of Ellis Island. Having left behind their homes in Europe and other parts of the world, they made the voyage to America by steamer. Some came with parents or guardians. A few came as stowaways. But however they traveled, they found themselves a part of one of the grandest waves of human migration that the world has ever known. *Children of Ellis Island* explores this lost world and what it was like for an uprooted youngster at America's golden door. Highlights include the experience of being a detained child at Ellis Island--the schooling and games, the pastimes and amusements, the friendships, and the uneasiness caused by language barriers.

## Closing the Golden Door

The immigration station at New York's Ellis Island opened in 1892 and remained the largest U.S. port for immigrant entry until World War I. In popular memory, Ellis Island is typically seen as a gateway for Europeans seeking to join the "great American melting pot." But as this fresh examination of Ellis Island's history reveals, it was also a major site of immigrant detention and exclusion, especially for Chinese, Japanese, and other Asian travelers and maritime laborers who reached New York City from Europe, the Americas and the Caribbean, and even within the United States. And from 1924 to 1954, the station functioned as a detention camp and deportation center for a range of people deemed undesirable. Anna Pegler-Gordon draws on immigrants' oral histories and memoirs, government archives, newspapers, and other sources to reorient the history of migration and exclusion in the United States. In chronicling the circumstances of those who passed through or were detained at Ellis Island, she shows that Asian exclusion was both larger in scope and more limited in force than has been previously recognized.

## The Ships of Ellis Island

An illustrated guide to the ships that carried the many millions of migrants from Europe to Ellis Island, New York.

## Encyclopedia of Ellis Island

Ellis Island, at the southern tip of Manhattan, was the major portal for European immigrants to the United States and looms large in 19th century and early 20th century history. After extensive restoration, today it is a national symbol and important museum. Authored by a noted historian and librarian at the Ellis Island Immigration Museum, this is the first encyclopedia devoted to the Island, documenting its various incarnations. It contains more than 430 essay entries on the crucial people, operations, rooms and buildings, events, immigration laws and acts, organizations, and other terms associated with the island's history. This ready reference is perfect for synthesizing information for student reports on immigration and heritage. Genealogists and browsers will find this captivating reading as well. A chronology, primary document

appendixes, and plentiful photos are added value.

## **Encountering Ellis Island**

A look at the process of entering America a hundred years ago—from both an institutional and a human perspective. Outstanding Academic Title, Choice America is famously known as a nation of immigrants. Millions of Europeans journeyed to the United States in the peak years of 1892–1924, and Ellis Island, New York, is where the great majority landed. Ellis Island opened in 1892 with the goal of placing immigration under the control of the federal government and systematizing the entry process. *Encountering Ellis Island* introduces readers to the ways in which the principal nineteenth- and early twentieth-century American portal for Europeans worked in practice, with some comparison to Angel Island, the main entry point for Asian immigrants. What happened along the journey? How did the processing of so many people work? What were the reactions of the newly arrived to the process (and threats) of inspection, delays, hospitalization, detention, and deportation? How did immigration officials attempt to protect the country from diseased or “unfit” newcomers, and how did these definitions take shape and change? What happened to people who failed screening? And how, at the journey's end, did immigrants respond to admission to their new homeland? Ronald H. Baylor, a senior scholar in immigrant and urban studies, gives voice to both immigrants and Island workers to offer perspectives on the human experience and institutional imperatives associated with the arrival experience. Drawing on firsthand accounts from, and interviews with, immigrants, doctors, inspectors, aid workers, and interpreters, Baylor paints a vivid and sometimes troubling portrait of the immigration process. In reality, Ellis Island had many liabilities as well as assets. Corruption was rife. Immigrants with medical issues occasionally faced a hostile staff. Some families, on the other hand, reunited in great joy and found relief at their journey's end. *Encountering Ellis Island* lays bare the profound and sometimes-victorious story of people chasing the American Dream: leaving everything behind, facing a new language and a new culture, and starting a new American life.

## **Angel Island**

In this landmark book, historians Erika Lee and Judy Yung (both descendants of immigrants detained on the island) provide the first comprehensive history of the Angel Island Immigration Station.

## **Ellis Island**

Rural Irish girl Ellie loves living in New York, working as a lady's maid for a wealthy socialite. She tries to persuade her husband, John, to join her but he is embroiled in his affairs in Ireland, and caught up in the civil war. Nevertheless, Ellie is extremely happy and fully embraces her sophisticated new life.

## **Ellis Island**

Explores the immigrant's experiences and their pilgrimage of hope.

## **Journey to Ellis Island**

This dramatic true story--told by the daughter of Russian immigrant Jehuda Weinstein--reveals the joys, fears, and eventual triumph of a family who realizes its dream. Full color.

## **Ellis Island Interviews**

Presents first-hand accounts from the last surviving immigrants.

## Ellis Island

For millions of people, leaving home and coming to America meant giving up family and all things familiar. For more than sixty years, one site was the first place in America all new immigrants saw. Find out why Ellis Island holds such an important place in America's history.

## The Ellis Island Snow Globe

In *The Ellis Island Snow Globe*, Erica Rand, author of the smart and entertaining book *Barbie's Queer Accessories*, takes readers on an unconventional tour of Ellis Island, the migration station turned heritage museum, and its neighbor, the Statue of Liberty. By pausing to reflect on what is and is not on display at these two iconic national monuments, Rand focuses attention on whose heritage is honored and whose obscured. She also reveals the shifting connections between sex, money, material products, and ideas of the nation in everything from the ostensible father-mother-child configuration on an Ellis Island golf ball purchased at the gift shop to the multi-million dollar July 4, 1986 Liberty Weekend extravaganza celebrating the Statue's centennial just days after the Supreme Court's un-Libertylike decision upholding the antisodomy laws challenged in *Bowers v. Hardwick*. Rand notes that portrayals of the Statue of Liberty as a beacon for immigrants tend to suppress the Statue's connections to people brought to this country by force. She examines what happened to migrants at Ellis Island whose bodies did not match the gender suggested by the clothing they wore. In light of contemporary ideas about safety and security, she examines the "Decide an Immigrant's Fate" program, which has visitors to Ellis Island act as a 1910 board of inspectors hearing the appeal of an immigrant about to be excluded from the country. Rand is a witty, insightful, and open-minded tour guide, able to synthesize numerous diverse ideas—about tourism, immigration history, sexuality, race, ethnicity, commodity culture, and global capitalism—and to candidly convey her delight in her Ellis Island snow globe. And pen. And lighter. And back scratcher. And golf ball. And glittery pink key chain.

## Land of Hope

The family of Rebekah Levinsky emigrates from Russia and settles in New York City, hoping their dreams will come true. But instead of finding streets paved with gold, they find they must work seven days a week in a sweatshop simply to survive. Will Rebekah conquer the odds and find happiness?

## Augustus F. Sherman

Essay by Peter Mesenholler.

## Ellis Island (National Geographic Kids Readers, Level 3)

Explore the history of Ellis Island, one of the most recognized landmarks in American history. Kids will learn about its early history as a Mohegan island and rest spot for fishermen through its time as a famous immigration station to today's museum. The level 3 text provides accessible, yet wide-ranging, information for independent readers.

## Island of hope, island of tears

A story of those who entered the new world through Ellis Island in their own words.

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## **Enlarging European Memory**

Uses photographs accompanied by descriptions and reflections to capture the abandoned buildings that made up the original hospital complex on Ellis Island, offering a look into the world of the immigrants who passed through there.

## **Ellis Island**

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## **William Williams Documents**

Describes Ellis Island where millions of people stopped before entering the United States, how and why they came, how they were checked when they got there, and what it was like to live there.

## **Life at Ellis Island**

From 1892 to 1954, Ellis Island was the gateway to a new life in the United States for millions of immigrants. In later years, the island was deserted, the buildings decaying. Ellis Island was not restored until the 1980s, when Americans from all over the country donated more than \$150 million. It opened to the public once again in 1990 as a museum. Learn more about America's history, and perhaps even your own, through the story of one of the most popular landmarks in the country.

## **What Was Ellis Island?**

Located not far from the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island played a major role in American history. More than 16 million immigrants entered the United States through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1954. This curriculum-based eBook discusses Ellis Island and what it was like to be an immigrant in America during the period in which it was open. Bolstered by extensive photographs and a chronology, Ellis Island and the Immigrant Experience is ideal for students writing reports.

## **Ellis Island and the Immigrant Experience**

As the main entry facility for immigrants coming to the United States for more than half a century, Ellis Island was the last stop before a move to freedom in America. About 12 million people from Europe and elsewhere entered the United States through this portal. The fascinating Ellis Island uses immigrants' own words, photographs, and full-color illustrations to explore the significance to those who wished to pursue the American Dream.

## **Ellis Island**

Called both the "Island of Hope" and "Island of Tears," Ellis Island has a history as rich and surprising as that of the immigrants who passed through its doors. Between 1892 and 1954, it was the first stop for some 12 million immigrants coming to America, a tiny speck of land in New York Harbor that served as their gateway to new lives in a strange new world. Their experiences are put into vivid historical context, highlighted with riveting firsthand accounts and vintage photographs that eloquently capture their hope and heartbreak. In addition, you'll read accounts of the hardworking officials manning the station and the reformers who strove to salvage the immigrants' humanity on their journey through the Golden Door.

## **Ellis Island**

"An exploration of the island that served as a gateway to thousands of immigrants and that has since become an important American symbol"--Provided by publisher.

## **Ellis Island**

This folder contains all the resources you and your students need to learn about Ellis Island on the web.

## **Ellis Island**

A basic introduction to the purposes and history of this great part of American immigration history.

## **Ellis Island**

Between 1892 and 1954, more than 12 million immigrants entered the United States through the Ellis Island processing station in New York harbor. To these immigrants, Ellis Island was a symbol of the American dream—once they passed through its gates, they could start a new life with opportunities that were not available to them in their countries of origin. Today, roughly one-third of our country's population is descended from those who were processed at Ellis Island, and the facility is now a museum dedicated to American immigration.

## **Ellis Island**

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## **ELLIS ISLAND**

You choose which path you would take if you were an immigrant arriving at Ellis Island.

## **Ellis Island**

This fascinating look into American history uncovers how some of our ancestors came to the United States, seeking freedom and fortune, and often risking everything to make a home in America. This resource tells the story of the immigrant history of the United States, using documents and photographs from the heyday of one of the most important immigration ports. The history of Ellis Island is revealed to be one of grit, misfortune, and luck that is both true of the island and of the people it welcomed to America's shores.

## **A Primary Source Investigation of Ellis Island**

Since 1776, millions of immigrants have landed at Americas shores. To this day, their practical contributions are still felt in every field of endeavor, including agriculture, industry, and the service trades. But within the great immigrant waves there also came plucky and talented individualists, artists, and dreamers. Many of these exceptional folk went on to win worldly renown, and their names live on in history. Ellis Islands Famous Immigrants tells the story of some of the best known of these legendary characters and highlights their actual immigration experience at Ellis Island. Celebrities featured within its pages include such entrepreneurs as Max Factor, Charles Atlas, and Chef Boyardee; Hollywood icons Pola Negri, Bela Lugosi, and Bob Hope; spiritual figures Father Flanagan and Krishnamurti; authors Isaac Asimov and Kahlil Gibran; painters Arshile Gorky and Max Ernst; and sports figures Knute Rockne and Johnny Weissmuller.

### **Ellis Island's Famous Immigrants**

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### **Encountering Ellis Island**

This Graphic Illustrated Book Will Take Children Through History To Experience Immigrating To America Through Ellis Island.

### **Landing At Ellis Island**

Dorothee Schneider relates the story of immigrants' passage from an old society to a new one, and American policymakers' debates over admission to the United States and citizenship. Bringing together the histories of Europeans, Asians, and Mexicans, the book opens up a fresh view of immigrant expectations and government responses.

### **Crossing Borders**

The United States is truly a nation of immigrants, or as the poet Walt Whitman once said, a \"nation of nations.\" Spanning the time from when the Europeans first came to the New World to the present day, the new \"Immigration to the United States\" set conveys the excitement of these stories to young people. Beginning with a brief preface to the set written by general editor Robert Asher that discusses some of the broad reasons why people came to the New World, both as explorers and settlers, each book's narrative highlights the themes, people, places, and events that were important to each immigrant group. In an engaging, informative manner, each volume describes what members of a particular group found when they arrived in the United States as well as where they settled. Historical information and background on the various communities present life as it was lived at the time they arrived. The books then trace the group's history and current status in the United States. Each volume includes photographs and illustrations such as passports and other artifacts of immigration, as well as quotes from original source materials. Box features highlight special topics or people, and each book is rounded out with a glossary, timeline, further reading list, and index.

## Italian Immigrants

This book is part of an important series designed to bring America's historic monuments to life for your students. Topics were chosen not only for their historical importance, but also to honor the people of many cultures who have built our nation. In this book, students will learn about the history, construction, and relevance of the Statue of Liberty through original documents, time lines, and activities.

## Statue of Liberty (eBook)

Contains scripts for ten plays on different aspects of American history plus follow-up teaching activities.

## 10 American History Plays for the Classroom

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