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Ellis Island Virtual Tour

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

Directions: Explore the website provided and for each section find the answers to the questions listed below. You must be a good detective and look at the photographs, click on the links, and draw your own conclusions to answer the questions correctly.

Introduction:

1. Over _____ million immigrants passed through the doors of Ellis Island.
2. Ellis Island was open between the years _____ and _____

1st Stop: Passage

3. Where were most immigrants from? _____
4. How long did the voyage take? _____
5. What is steerage? _____

2nd Stop: The Arrival

6. What was the first thing passengers saw when they entered the NY harbor? _____
7. Which immigrants did not have to go to Ellis Island? _____
8. How did passengers get to Ellis Island for their exams? _____

3rd Stop: The Baggage Room

9. What floor was the baggage room located ? _____
10. Baggage was left in this room while the immigrants did what?

4th Stop: Stairs to Registry Room

11. Why were doctors watching the immigrants as they walked up the stairs? _____
12. What is a buttonhook? _____
13. What happened to you if you had Trachoma? _____
14. Click on Learn More: What is the highest number of people to come through Ellis Island in one day? _____
15. Why did getting through Ellis Island take so long? _____

5th Stop: Registry Room

16. Describe the Registry Room or Great Hall:

17. What were they waiting in line for? _____
18. What two options did officials in the great hall have for each person? _____
19. Click on Learn More: Why could a child be sent home? _____

6th Stop: Medical Exam:

20. What was the “six second” medical exam? _____
21. Where would someone go if they had a chalk mark on their clothes? _____
22. What did an “X” mark mean? _____
23. Learn More: What happened if the immigrant was found to have a disease? _____

7th Stop: Legal Inspection

24. How many questions was each person asked? _____
25. What were their answers supposed to match up with? _____
26. How would the immigrants communicate with the inspectors?

8th Stop: Detainees:

27. Where would legal detainees stay? _____ For how long? _____
28. Who would decide if a medical detainee was allowed in the US?
29. How many babies were born on Ellis Island (Click on Learn More) _____
30. Who paid for an immigrants return ticket if they were sent back? _____

9th Stop: Stairs of Separation:

31. Where did the three aisles lead? Right
Center
Left
32. What was at the bottom of the stairs?
33. Click Learn More. How many languages were spoken at Ellis Island?

10th Stop: Kissing Post

34. Why does this area have the nickname “kissing post”?
35. Click on Learn More: What types of Jobs were available at Ellis Island

In your own words:

Which part of the procedure at Ellis Island do you think would be the most difficult? Why?

From where did your family emigrate? Do you think they came through Ellis Island?