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Period: _____

Immigration: "Stories of Yesterday and Today"

Directions: Use the following website to complete this webquest:

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

Complete the Interactive tour of Ellis Island by using the story, photo and audio tabs, as well as the "Did You Know?" pop-ups at each stop.



Explore Ellis Island - Interactive Tour

1st Stop: The Passage

1. What were many immigrants trying to escape by leaving their home country? (List two.)
2. Where did the poorer immigrants have to stay on the ship during the voyage? Describe this place.
3. What is the difference between the term "immigrant" and "emigrant"?
4. According to the photos tab, what did immigrants make time for aboard the ships?

2nd Stop: The Arrival

5. What was the first thing that many immigrants saw on their arrival to the New York Harbor?
6. What passengers were immediately processed and able to enter the country upon arrival?
7. What was the name of the first immigrant to be processed at Ellis Island? Where was she from?
8. According to Lawrence Meinwald, where did he and his father get food from because they were so hungry?
9. What happened to Meinwald when he was describing the first time he saw the Statue of Liberty?

3rd Stop: The Baggage Room

10. What did officers give to immigrants as soon as they arrived on Ellis Island?
11. Why did many "steerage" immigrants have to travel with a bundle?

4th Stop: The Stairs

12. How did doctors first start their "examination" of immigrants?
13. What was the highest number of immigrants processed at Ellis Island in a day?
14. How long did it take to be processed at Ellis Island? Why did it take this long?
15. According to the photos tab, what were many immigrants checked for?

5th Stop: The Registry Room

16. What was the nickname given to the Registry Room?
17. What was the name of the contagious eye disease that could send immigrants back to their home country?
18. Why did Ellis Island officials detain many women that were trying to enter the U.S.?
19. How old did children have to be in order to enter the U.S. by themselves?
20. According to Lucy Attarian, how did she prove to officials that her parents were really her parents?

6th Stop: The Medical Exam

21. What was the name of the first test given to the immigrants as they arrived for the medical exam?
22. What would happen to people if they were considered a risk to public health?
23. How many immigrants were forced to return to their homeland due to incurable diseases or disabilities?
24. What did a circle with an "x" through it denote at Ellis Island?
25. According to Rachel Chenitz, why was her mother and her family almost sent back to their homeland?

7th Stop: The Legal Inspection

- 26. How many questions were asked of every immigrant at this stop in Ellis Island?
- 27. What could happen if an immigrants answers were different from the answers on the ship's manifest?
- 28. How did the purpose of Ellis Island change in 1924?
- 29. According to Paul Lauric, what was the atmosphere like at Ellis Island while he was detained?

8th Stop: Detainees

- 30. Many believed Ellis Island to be the "Isle of Hope," but what was it known for those who were not accepted?
- 31. Who reviewed an individual's medical report and decided whether or not to allow them into the U.S.?
- 32. How many babies were born on Ellis Island? How many immigrants died there?
- 33. What did it cost immigrants for the return trip home if they were denied access into the U.S.?

9th Stop: Stairs of Separation

- 34. What was happening to immigrants if they were going down the center aisle of the stairs?
- 35. Where were immigrants heading if they were heading down the right aisle of the stairs? The left aisle?
- 36. How did officials help immigrants get U.S. currency?
- 37. What was required of immigrants after January 1925 to be able to get into the U.S.?
- 38. According to Manny Steen, if an immigrant did not have the required \$20, what did they have to do?

10th Stop: The Kissing Post

- 39. Why did this stop get the nickname "the kissing post?"
- 40. How many employees did Ellis Island have by 1913?
- 41. How were many families in the U.S. informed that their love ones were on their way to the U.S.?
- 42. According to Estelle Belford, what did her father say to her mother when they finally embraced each other?

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Meet Young Immigrants

Directions: Click on the tab at the top of the page that states "Meet Young Immigrants." Choose 2 out of 6 stories. Read about their modern day journey and watch their interviews to complete the chart below.

Name:	Name:
Current Home:	Current Home:
Place of Origin:	Place of Origin:
Reasons for Immigrating to America:	Reasons for Immigrating to America:
Hardships or Difficulties:	Hardships or Difficulties:

