

# Interactive Tour of Ellis Island

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## Step 1 -- The Passage

Question 1: Which group of people traveled in the "steerage" part of the ship? (story)

Question 2. How did the invention of the **STEAMSHIP** change immigration? (DYK?)

## Step 2 -- The Arrival

Question 3: Based on what Mr. Meinwald tells us in his interview, how can you infer many people felt when they saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time? (audio)

Question 4: Who was the first immigrant to actually pass through Ellis Island? (Did you know?)

## 3 -- The Baggage Room

Question 5: You arrive and are given a number. You head to Baggage Room before heading on. What might make you nervous about LEAVING the Baggage Room? (story)

Question 6: What were some things people would bring with them and why did 3<sup>rd</sup> class passengers often put their things in bundles? (Did you know?)

## 4- The Stairs to the Registry Room

7: How could just walking up the stairs cause you to be sent back to your old country?(story)

8. Why did the immigration process take 3 to 5 hours? (DYK)

## 5 --The Registry Room

9. Why might immigrants be surprised in the Registry Room? (story)

10. After 1907, why might a child be sent back home to their old country? (Did you know?)

## 6 -- The Medical Exam

11. If doctors marked you with an "X", what did they think you were? (story)
12. Overall, about 120,000 people were sent back home from the Ellis Island hospital because they had \_\_\_\_\_. (DYK?)

## 7 -- The Legal Inspection

13. The ship's manifest gave the name and a \_\_\_\_\_ of each passenger. (story)
14. How many questions were immigrants asked during the legal inspection? (story)

## 8 -- The Detainees

15. If you had to be kept in the hospital at Ellis Island, what did they do with you? (story)
16. How many babies were born at Ellis Island? (DYK?)

## 9 -- The Stairs of Separation

17. Which section of the stairs did you go down if you were going to stay in New York City? (story)
18. What two things could you get at the ticketing office? (photos)

## 10 -- The Kissing Post

19. Why was the last stop called "The Kissing Post"? (story)
20. 5-year-old Estelle's parents hug each other and cry when they are reunited. What does her father say to her mother at that time? (audio)