

American History: **ELLIS ISLAND**



→ Watch the video

Shows a large open barge loaded with people of every nationality, who have just arrived from Europe, disembarking at Ellis Island, N.Y.

(Library of Congress - free to use material)



→ Watch the video and do the tasks below

An educational story about Ellis Island and how immigrants came to America

Ellis Island is a small island in the Hudson River in harbor.

It was the largest immigration center. (*immigration - action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country*)

.... million immigrants passed the registration process here from -

It was the idea of Benjamin Harrison.

In 1897 a great burned down the entire building and all the records (= all written documents) were lost.

Ellis Island was for two years.

..... was a special year. One million people arrived on Ellis Island.

Some immigrants already had in America. So there was a special area where people met: The podium.

Travelling to America was not long ago.

People who could not afford to travel first or second class ...

... often got on the crowded ships,

... they had to undergo a check

... and had to longer for the medical and legal inspection.

People were asked about 30 like name, education, about their past and about future plans.

2 % were rejected (*didn't get*) **citizenship** (= the right to live in a country) for medical or legal reasons and were sent back to their countries.

Most immigrants came from at that time.

40 % of today's Americans have who came from Europe and had arrived at Ellis Island.

Today Ellis Island is a and you can learn about America's history.

- **Write down the sentences WRITTEN IN RED into your Exercises!**
- You want to learn more about Ellis Island? → [Here is another Liveworksheet](#)