



## **ELLIS ISLAND: DREAM OF AMERICA**

Language Arts Lesson, Pre & Post-Performance Activities

Grade Level: 4-5

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### **IF I WERE AN IMMIGRANT**

The following are possible questions to stimulate interest from students while involved in online research of Ellis Island. The same could be used also in the post activity below.

1. Who came with you when making the long journey to America?
2. What preparation did you and/or your family make to save for the passage and personal belongings to bring?
3. Did you have any relatives to meet you upon your arrival?
4. What problems did you encounter with authorities during the “process” to admit you to America?
5. Were any family members sent home and not admitted? What questions were asked during the admission process?
6. What types of jobs were available for you in America?
7. What cities or states did you or your family members choose to live?

## POST ACTIVITY

1. After learning about the immigrants that came to America, why do you think they chose to make the long journey?
2. What problems could immigrants have been facing in their own countries before making the decision to leave?
3. Name as many things that you can about Ellis Island that you have learned.
4. If you and/or your family had to leave America today, what problems would you encounter in today's world? Would travel be easier? Would other countries allow you to enter easily?