



ELLIS ISLAND: DREAM OF AMERICA

Math Lesson, Pre-Performance Activity
Grade Level: 5
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OBJECTIVE

Use graphs and facts to respond to research-based questions and activities.

MATERIALS

Scott Foresman Social Studies textbook (current adoption)
One-centimeter graph paper
Bookmark the following websites: www.revels.org/images/pdfs/aaj-lessons1-4
www.library.thinkquest.org/20619

PREPARATION

Have students turn to p.548 and p.549 in their Scott Foresman Social Studies textbook and use the graphs to determine the year the greatest number of immigrants who came into the United States during the Ellis Island period and later times in history.

PROCEDURE

Teacher writes the following immigration statistics on a transparency, chalk board or chart paper to reflect how many Italians, Jews and Irish immigrants came to America from 1899-1924

Italian:	3,820,986
Jewish:	1,827,855
Irish:	806,762

Have all students read the numbers aloud. Distribute one-centimeter graph paper, and explain that pairs of students will create a bar graph to accurately represent the figures on the chart paper. Remind students about the components needed in a bar graph (e.g., labeled horizontal

and vertical axes, scale, interval, data, and title). Once pairs have completed their graphs, model the creation of the graph on the overhead projector.

EVALUATION

Students complete *Math Worksheet Questions about Immigrants*

PRACTICE

Students convert their immigration bar graph to a pictograph or create a bar graph using Excel or similar technology program. Have students do a web search and find more statistics to add to their bar graphs.

TEKS

Math 5.6B; 5.13ABC; 5.15AB

* See Math Worksheet questions about Immigration on page 3 below

Name: _____

Date: _____

MATH WORKSHEET: QUESTIONS ABOUT IMMIGRATION

Directions

Use your Immigration 1899-1924 bar graph to answer the questions below. Be sure to show all of your math work.

1. How many people who immigrated between 1899-1924 were:

Italian _____

Jewish _____

Irish _____

2. How many more immigrants were Italian than Jewish?
3. How many more immigrants were Jewish than Irish?
4. How many Italian, Jewish, and Irish immigrants came to America between 1899-1924?
5. What are some reasons that so many Italians may have immigrated during this time?
(Write your answer in complete sentences.)
