On-site Activity

National Park Service
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Education Department
Ellis Island Immigration Museum
Statue of Liberty National Monument

"Island of Hope, Island of Tears"
Movie Worksheet
Grades 7 to 12

Look over the questions before the movie starts to help you answer the worksheet.

1. Why did people leave Southern and Eastern Europe?

2. What were conditions like in steerage?

3. How did one passenger describe how people were treated in steerage?

4. Why did the steamship companies crowd so many people into steerage?

5. Why was Ellis Island so frightening?

6. Why were the ship manifests so important?

7. Why did people have to have money?

8. So what did it take to leave your home, travel in steerage, and go through the Ellis Island experience?