Ellis Island Web-quest

1. Open the Internet and go to the following website:
   http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/tour/

2. **Read the introduction** and answer the following question:
   How many immigrants came through Ellis Island on their way to America? [1]
   _____

3. **Click on "Learn more about Ellis Island"** and answer the following questions:
   Where is Ellis Island located? [1]_____
   _____
   Who was the President that established an immigration station on Ellis Island?[1]
   _____
   In what year did Ellis Island close? [1]_____ Who operates Ellis Island now?[1]
   _____

4. **Click on "Start the Tour."**

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5. The first stop is THE _____[1]

6. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:

   Most of the immigrants who came through Ellis Island were from _____ and _____ _____[2].

   What are two reasons they came to America?[2]
   1)_____
   2)_____

   How long did the trip across the Atlantic take? [1]_____

   What is "steerage?" [1]_____
   _____

   Approximately how many people were on each steamship?[1]_____

7. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?"** What are three benefits to traveling by steamship instead of sailing ship?[3]
   1)_____
   2)_____
   3)_____

8. **View the Photos.** Take a moment to think about the mental, physical, and emotional difficulties immigrants faced before they even arrived in America. If your parents had decided to emigrate, what would have been most difficult for you?[2]
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   _____
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9. **Click the "Next" arrow** to get to Stop 2.

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10. What is the second stop? The _____[1]

11. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:

What was one of the first things immigrants saw upon arriving in New York Harbor? [1]

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How were First and Second Class passengers treated differently than Third Class passengers? [2]

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12. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?"**

Who was the first person processed on Ellis Island?[1] _____
Where was she from? [1] _____
Approximately what percentage of passengers were processed at Ellis Island?[1]_____

13. **View the Photos.** Why do you think First and Second Class Passengers were able to skip the processing at Ellis Island and go right to Manhattan? [2]_____

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14. **Listen to the Audio**, then answer the following questions:

The food in steerage was so bad, what did Lawrence Meinwald and his father do? [2]_____

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According to Meinwald, what were the passengers doing when they saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time? [2]_____

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15. **Watch the Video.** (There is no sound. Early motion picture cameras could not record sound.)

16. **Click the "Next" arrow** to get to Stop 3.

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17. What is the third stop? The Ellis Island _____[1]

18. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:

How do you think immigrants would have felt when they first disembarked at Ellis Island and entered the baggage room, especially those who did not understand English? [2]

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19. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?"**

Immigrants could take very few items with them from their homeland to America. If your family were emigrating, what are some things you wouldn't leave without? [2]

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Do you think the food sold at the Concession Stand was what most immigrants were used to eating? Why or why not? [2] _____

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20. **View the Photos.** Look at how the immigrants were dressed. Do you think they are dressed like "typical Americans" of the day? How might this be a problem for them? [2]

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21. **Listen to the Audio** and **Watch the Video** (There is no sound. Early motion picture cameras could not record sound.) You can do both at the same time.

22. **Click the "Next" arrow** to get to Stop 4.

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23. What is the forth stop? The _____[1]

24. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:

What were the doctors looking for as they stood at the top of the stairs? [2]

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What is trachoma? [1] _____
How did they check for trachoma? [1]_____
_____
What happened to most people who had trachoma? [1]_____
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25. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?".**

What was the highest number of immigrants to pass through Ellis Island in a single day? [1]
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How long did it usually take to be processed on Ellis Island?[1] _____
Why?[1]_____

26. **View the Photos.**

27. **Click the "Next" arrow** to get to Stop 5.

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28. What is the fifth stop? The _____[1]

29. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:

What was the nickname for the Registry Room?[1]_____ How was order maintained? [1]_____
_____What was added in 1903?[1]_____ What did official decide in the Great Hall?[1]_____
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30. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?".**

What happened to women traveling alone prior to World War II? Why? [2]_____

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After 1907, what was the rule for children under the age of 16? [2]_____

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31. **View the Photos.**

32. **Listen to the Audio**, then answer the following question:
Why did some immigrants try to bring in children that were not their own? [2]_____

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Why did the inspector suspect Lucy Attarian was not her parent's child? [2]_____

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How did the inspector "prove" that Lucy belonged to her parents?[2]_____

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33. **Click the "Next" arrow** to get to Stop 6.

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34. What was the sixth stop? The _____[1]

35. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:

What was the "six-second physical?" [2]_____

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_____ If someone was considered a risk to the public health, what happened? [2]_____

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36. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?".**

Why were people with contagious diseases denied entry? [2]_____

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Approximately how many immigrants were sent back because of disease or disability? [1]

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37. **View the Photos.** Then answer the following question:

What were some of the conditions that would result in a more intensive physical exam? [2]

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38. **Listen to the Audio**, then answer the following question:

Why was Rachel Chenitz's mother almost denied entry? [2] _____

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39. **Click the "Next" arrow** to get to Stop 7.

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40. What is the seventh stop? The _____[1]

41. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:

What is a "manifest?" [1]_____

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_____ How many questions was each immigrant asked at the legal inspection?[1]_____

42. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?".**

How did immigration policies change after World War I? [2]_____

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How was Ellis Island used after 1924? [1]_____

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43. **View the Photos.**

44. **Listen to the Audio**, then answer the following question:

Describe Paul Lauric's family's experience as a detainee at Ellis Island. [2]_____

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45. **Click the "Next" arrow** to get to Stop 8.

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46. What was the eighth stop? _____[1]

47. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:

Where were legal detainees held? [1]_____

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For how long were they held? [1]_____

Where was their case decided? [1]_____

Where were medical detainees held?[1]_____

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For how long were they held? [1]_____

How was their case decided? [1]_____

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48. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?".**

How many babies were born at Ellis Island? [1]_____

How many immigrants died there?[1]_____

If an immigrant was denied entry into the United States, who was responsible for paying their way home? [1]_____

49. **View the Photos. Then, click the "Next" arrow** to get to Stop 9.

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51. What was the ninth stop? The _____[1]

52. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:
If your family were traveling onto Lockport or Buffalo after being processed at Ellis Island, Which part of the Stairs of Separation would you use? [1]_____
Who came down the middle part of the stairs? [1]_____
What services were provided for immigrants at the bottom of the stairs? [2]_____
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53. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?".**
How did Immigrant Aid Societies help immigrants? [2]_____
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In what year did the United States begin requiring passports or visas for entry into the US? [1]
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54. **View the Photos. Then, Listen to the Audio**, and answer the following question:
According to Manny Steen, what did some immigrants do to be sure they had $20 for the inspection?
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_____[2]

56. **Click the "Next" arrow** to get to Stop 10.

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57. What was the tenth stop? The _____[1]

58. **Read the "Story"** and answer the following questions:
Why was this area called "The Kissing Post?" [1]_____
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59. **Click on "Learn More" under "Did you Know?".**
By 1913, how many people worked at Ellis Island?[1]_____
How did relatives in America know when their family would arrive? [1]_____
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60. **View the Photos. Then, Listen to the Audio**, and answer the following question:
What did Estelle Belford's father say to her mother when they were reunited at Ellis Island? [1]
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