

## The Golden Door: A Nation of Immigrants

### First Stop: Ellis Island

Read the quotes (ignore the poem called “The New Colossus” for now) on pages 637-639. Which two quotes most strike you as being especially interesting, provoking, true, shocking, etc.? Write the quotes themselves and then write what it was that most struck you about those quotes.

Quote 1:

Reason:

Quote 2:

Reason:

### After Ellis Island: A Triumph of the Human Spirit

Read the article on page 640 and then answer the following questions.

1. How would you describe Nathalia Gumpertz’ life as described in the article? Why?
2. How many people lived in 97 Orchard Street between 1863 and 1935?
3. How many different countries were those people from?
4. What did Ruth Abram believe a tenement museum would do for Americans?
5. What was true about nearly half of the babies born in 97 Orchard Street?
6. Explain the quote, “Our story is the story of adults sacrificing their own dreams for their children’s and grandchildren’s dreams.” What does Abram mean by this?
7. After reading the article and reading/looking at “Tenement Life in New York” on page 641, how would you describe tenement life?
8. How does the information shape your perceptions of immigrants in the late 1800’s and early 1900’s?

## Where Did They Settle?

Look at the chart/graph on page 642 and answer the following questions.

1. When calculating “approximate numbers of immigrants arriving in the U.S.,” what time span are the statistics from? (from what year to what year)
2. How many immigrants does each red figure with a suitcase represent?
3. During that time span, what were the top two ethnicities/nationalities (in terms of number of people) immigrating to America?
4. As shown on the map, what were three major ethnicities/nationalities to immigrate to Cleveland?
5. As shown on the map, what two cities had the greatest diversity of ethnicities/nationalities of immigrants?
6. When calculating the “breakdown of major cities,” what time span are the statistics from? (from what year to what year)
7. How many immigrants does each brown suitcase represent?
8. As shown on the chart/graph, which city had the largest Polish immigrant population?
9. Which city had the largest Irish immigrant population?
10. What is the source of all of the statistics given on this chart/graph?