1. What were some reasons that Europeans decided to make the difficult trip to America?

2. How were they treated as they made their way across Europe to the ports where they were to board the ships?

3. Why did the ship companies inspect the immigrants BEFORE they set sail to America?

4. What does “steerage” mean, and why were so many immigrants put into steerage for the journey?

5. Write down some details that the documentary tells of the trip across the ocean to America.

6. Why did the immigrants compare New York City to heaven?
7. Describe Ellis Island.

8. What things did the immigrants have with them when they got to America?

9. What word frightened the immigrants when they heard it? Why?

10. If you were “deported,” what happened to you?

11. Why might you be “deported?” (What were reasons the officials might have?)

12. What comforted immigrants as they waited to be admitted to America on Ellis Island?

13. What did you need to have with you to be allowed to leave Ellis Island and continue on to the mainland?

14. Would you have wanted to make this trip? Why or why not?