**Ellis Island**

**Part II**

1. Why were first and second class passengers inspected onboard the boat? Why were steerage passengers sent to Ellis Island?

2. Why did some immigrants kiss the ground when they arrived on Ellis Island?

3. Describe the process people faced when arriving on Ellis Island. Why were they inspected?

4. What was the purpose of the bureaucratic processing in Ellis Island? Why were some immigrants intimidated by that process?

5. What did chalk marks in an immigrants’ clothing mean? Why did the doctors use those marks? Which disease in particular were the doctors seeking to identify?

6. The narrator quoted an old immigrant saying “America beckons, but Americans repel”. What did immigrants mean when they said that?

7. What was the purpose of the immigrant aid societies? How did they assist the immigrants?

8. What would happen if a child was rejected by the health inspectors?

9. One woman remembers, “My aunt told my mother, they asked her this funny question: ‘How many feet does a horse have?’” Why would the inspectors have asked that question? Describe some of the other psychological tests. Why were some immigrants alarmed by these questions?

10. Why were people deported if they said they already had a job waiting for them? Why were women who traveled without an escort more likely to be questioned or detained by inspectors?