

Ellis Island was the main way for immigrants to come to America from 1892 to 1924. Ellis Island is a small island in the Hudson Harbor, between New York City and New Jersey. On April 17th, 2001, Ellis Island did something that was very exciting. It made all of its records available online. Now people who want to learn about their family history don't have to travel all the way there to do so.

Do you know how your ancestors (or you) came to this country? _____

Do you know what country or countries your ancestors came from? _____

Do you know when they came? _____

Do you know why they came? _____

Take this page home to interview your family about your history. Maybe some of your ancestors came through Ellis Island. If they did, you can ask an adult to help you look for records on the Ellis Island website.

Use the chart on the back to help you see how long your family has been here. Highlight each box that is the first person to immigrate here.

Me	Father	Grandfather	Great-Grandfather	Great-Great-Grandfather
				Great-Great-Grandmother
			Great-Grandmother	Great-Great-Grandfather
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		Grandmother	Great-Grandfather	Great-Great-Grandfather
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	Mother	Grandfather	Great-Grandfather	Great-Great-Grandfather
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				Great-Great-Grandmother
			Great-Grandmother	Great-Great-Grandfather
				Great-Great-Grandmother



Statue of Liberty

GIVE ME YOUR TIRED,
YOUR POOR,
YOUR HUDDLED MASSES
YEARNING TO BREATHE
FREE,
THE WRETCHED REFUSE
OF YOUR TEEMING SHORE.

FROM

THE NEW COLOSSUS

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