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Directions: Follow the prompts given for each section. Answer the questions below.

**Before your Research: Make the following predictions *before* doing any research.**

“Push/Pull Factors”

1. What do you think may have ***pushed*** immigrants to leave their home countries? **Explain at least two** potential “push” factors.

2. What do you think may have ***pulled*** immigrants towards America? **Explain at least two** potential “pull” factors that may have encouraged immigrants to choose to settle in the United States.

**During your Research: Use the following website to help you answer the questions below.**

Go to: <http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/tour/> and click “start the tour”  
Use the information in the interactive tour to research the immigration process in America .

1. What is the difference between an *emigrant* and an *immigrant*?

2. How did the invention of steamships influence immigration to America?

3. **Explain two** reasons someone might be rejected from entering the United States at Ellis Island.

4. **Describe** two processes incoming immigrants would have to go through at Ellis Island. How may they have felt about these processes?

5. What were immigrants checked for during medical examinations?

6. What happened to immigrants who were detained for medical or legal reasons?

### **After your Research: A Letter Home**

Using your research, your knowledge of social studies, and your own creativity, write a letter home as a recent immigrant to America. Describe how America is different from your home country, some of your experiences at Ellis Island, and how you are feeling about your experiences.