Newspaper Narratives

Immigration to America

Ellis Island
Click on Picture to see Video
History Snapshot Activities

Students will examine newspaper articles published in 1866 – 1922 to learn about immigration to the U.S. They will use the worksheets and view several newspapers online by following the permalinks/buttons provided on each slide. You may select a few slides to use or have students view just the slide show.

How to view the articles:

1. From the slide, click on the link
2. Click on the newspaper image
3. Then click on the zoom link, located on the right side of the page
4. Locate and read the article *(download as needed)*
Questions to Consider

- Why did immigrants come to America?
- What countries did they come from?
- How did they travel and where did they first arrive?

Use “Immigration to America” worksheet to complete the activity.

Word Teach!
What do these words mean?
- Immigrant
- Emigrate
- Liberty
- Ethnic
- Homeland
- Culture
- Diversity
- Tradition
Read the Real Events

First Opportunity is Ellis Island

- Ellis Island - Inspection & Interrogation
  New York Tribune - July 24th, 1904

- Uncle Sam's Nursery
  The Washington's Times, November 24th, 1904

- Stowaways
  New York Tribune - September 21st, 1919

Aliens Admitted - Long Lines Applying for Passports
New York Tribune - August 17, 1919

North Western Immigration
The Minneapolis Journal, February 09, 1901

New York Tribune, August 28th 1904
Read the articles:

“men and women with boys and girls struggle with the proper sound of (w)e in the personal pronoun ‘we’...”.

Permalink #2: Americanization Begins at Home with Mother

- "Girl" is a hard word to read
  New York Tribune, December 13, 1903

- Illiterate Immigrants Percentage Growing
  New-York Tribune, October 27, 1901

- Literacy Test for Immigrants
  New-York Tribune, January 05, 1913

Use Reading Comprehension worksheet (7th grade)
1,000,000 Immigrants – All Records Broken

Learn more....

- 1,000,000 Immigrants – All Records Broken
  Highland Recorder (Monterey, Highland Co., Va) April 4th, 1877-1972

- Distribution of Immigrants by State
  New York Tribune, 1866-1924, December 16th, 1907

- Immigration Report
  New York Tribune, September 28, 1919

In class activity: Mapping Diversity

Permalink #3: Ups & Downs of Immigration
Immigrant Homes

Use the worksheet to complete the activity.

Click on the pictures or buttons to find out more.

- **Tenement Houses** - Chronicling America
- **Inside a Tenement House**
The New York Tribune, 1866-1924, April 28th, 1901
- **Life in Tenement Housing**
The Salt Lake Herald, Utah 1870-1909, January 21, 1895

New York Tribune, July 22, 1900
Immigration Today!
Why or why not?

To understand both sides of the issue, use the Venn Diagram.