

## U.S. History: Immigration/Urbanization

### Station #1: Tenements through the Eyes of Jacob Riis

Watch a video with images of tenements and then listen to a description of tenement life.

As you WATCH and LISTEN, imagine/pretend that you are there (living in a tenement) and think about WHAT YOU SEE, WHAT YOU HEAR, WHAT YOU SMELL, and HOW YOU FEEL.

Complete the graphic organizer.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kchN8ZiFGyE>

Audio Description: <https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/114600157/tenements2.wav>

Graphic Organizer:

[http://www.inquirybursts.com/uploads/1/0/7/3/10730155/tenement\\_graphic\\_organizer.pdf](http://www.inquirybursts.com/uploads/1/0/7/3/10730155/tenement_graphic_organizer.pdf)

### Station #2: Settlement Houses & Jane Addams

WATCH the video about Jane Addams and the Hull House.

Think about the services offered to immigrants at the Hull House and other settlement houses.

What kinds of services would be helpful TODAY to people coming to the U.S. from other countries?

RESPOND in a comment on the DISCUSSION BOARD.

Video: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5R6GajHiJyk>

## Station #3 Poetry of Angel Island

Look at the Angel Island Poetry wiki. READ (or listen to) the introduction about the Angel Island Immigration Station and then READ (or listen to) each of the poems. RESPOND to at least two of them.

- What did you like about the poem?
- What does this poem make you think about?
- How does this poem make you feel?

Intro Article:

“Coming to America: The Poems of Angel Island Shine Light on Chinese Immigration to the United States” (Weekly Reader, April 2006)

[http://www.inquirybursts.com/uploads/1/0/7/3/10730155/angel\\_island\\_weeklyreader\\_apr2006.pdf](http://www.inquirybursts.com/uploads/1/0/7/3/10730155/angel_island_weeklyreader_apr2006.pdf)

### Poem #2

國民不為甘為牛，  
意至美洲作營謀。  
洋樓高聳無緣住，  
誰知棲所是監牢？

Instead of remaining a citizen of China, I willingly became an ox.  
I intended to come to America to earn a living.  
The Western styled buildings are lofty; but I have not the luck to live in them.  
How was anyone to know that my dwelling place would be a prison?

### Poem #3

Poem by One Named Xu From Xiangshan Encouraging the Traveler

香山許生勉客題  
說去花旗喜溢顏，  
千金羅掘不辭艱。  
親離有話喉先哽，  
妻別多情淚對潸。  
浪大如山頻駭客，  
政苛似虎備嘗蠻。  
毋忘此日君登岸，  
發奮前程莫懶閒。

！太平洋通報作“樓”

Just talk about going to the land of the Flowery Flag<sup>1</sup> and my countenance fills with happiness.  
Not without hard work were 1,000 pieces of gold dug up and gathered together.  
There were words of farewell to the parents, but the throat choked up first.  
There were many feelings, many tears flowing face to face, when parting with the wife.  
Waves big as mountains often astonished this traveler.  
With laws harsh as tigers, I had a taste of all the barbiturates.  
Do not forget this day when you land ashore.  
Push yourself ahead and do not be lazy or idle.

### Poem #1

本擬舊歲來美洲，  
洋蚨迫阻到初秋。  
織女會牛郎哥日，  
乃搭林肯總統舟。  
餐風嘗浪廿餘日，  
幸得平安抵美洲。  
以為數日可上埠，  
點知苦困木樓囚。  
番奴苛待真難受，  
感觸家境淚雙流。  
但願早登三藩市，  
免在此間倍添愁。

Originally, I had intended to come to America last year.  
Lack of money delayed me until early autumn.  
It was on the day that the Weaver Maiden met the Cowherd<sup>1</sup> That I took passage on the President Lincoln.  
I ate wind and tasted waves for more than twenty days.  
Fortunately, I arrived safely on the American continent.  
I thought I could land in a few days.  
How was I to know I would become a prisoner suffering in the wooden building?  
The barbarians' abuse is really difficult to take.  
When my family's circumstances stir my emotions, a double stream of tears flow.  
I only wish I can land in San Francisco soon.  
Thus sparing me the additional sorrow here.

Poem #1 Audio:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/114600157/Poem%201.m4a>

Poem #2 Audio:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/114600157/Poem%202.m4a>

Poem #3 Audio:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/114600157/Poem%203.m4a>

## Station #4: You Decide: Ellis Island Arrival

You are an Ellis Island immigration officer.

Read about the following people and for each one, explain WHY OR WHY NOT you would let them into the United States.

**Adelota Juliano**, 35 years old, Italian, 4 children

A mother travelling with her aunt and her own 4 children. Her brother arrived in the United States several months ago, but was killed in an accident at work. She now has no male relatives in the United States.

**Hilde Halligren**, 15 years old, Swedish

Arrives at Ellis Island with her parents, brother and sister. After the long trip away from her home and her friends, she acts nervous and cries a lot.

**Adam Ebel**, 18 years old, German

A healthy young man with an uncle and a brother already in the United States working in construction-- they will likely be able to get him a job. He is single (not married) and does not have any children.

**Leile Kwarczinsky**, 30 years old, Ukranian, 3 children (ages 3, 7, and 9)

Husband already in the United States earning \$15/week as a blacksmith on New York City's subway construction project. Arrives at Ellis Island with her children and doctors discover that she has an trachoma, an contagious eye infection that can lead to blindness.