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	<p>This is the Registration Hall on a typical day at Ellis Island during the height of immigration, between 1892 and 1924. In a day, Ellis Island inspectors would inspect between 2,500 to 10,000 immigrants.</p>
	<p>This is a photograph of some immigrant children playing in an outdoor recreation area on Ellis Island while waiting to head to their next destination.</p>
	<p>In this photograph, a chalk mark man is inspecting and labeling an immigrant family. The job for the chalk mark man is to label any immigrant that may have a medical condition that needs to be examined further. Once labeled, immigrants would be pulled from line and proceed to see a Public Health Service worker for a closer examination.</p>
	<p>Here are some immigrant women and children enjoying a meal at Ellis Island. The meals at Ellis Island were served family style with women and children receiving an extra snack of milk and crackers.</p>
	<p>Here are some immigrants who have arrived at Ellis Island waiting outside for their turn for inspection.</p>



“Miss Ellis Island” was the Ellis Island Ferryboat that brought the immigrants over to Ellis Island for inspection. This ferry, before it was retired, traveled over 1 million miles between Ellis Island and Manhattan.



Here is an inspector pinning inspection cards on a family. On the inspection cards, it would state your name, your ship, and the number you are on the ship manifest. Each immigrant would receive an inspection card.



Here is a family staring out at the Statue of Liberty while on Ellis Island.



This is a photograph of the inspection desks in the Registration Hall. The inspectors, at the desks, would inspect every single manifest for every single immigrant. They would see between 2,500 to 10,000 immigrants coming through the inspection lines daily. The large pieces of paper on the desk are the manifests from the ship. Each ship would bring the manifests from the Port of Call to Ellis Island.



Here is an Italian Family waiting by their luggage in the baggage room at Ellis Island in 1905.



This is a photograph of an inspection desk in the Registration Hall. The inspectors, at the desks, would inspect every single manifest for every single immigrant. They would see between 2,500 to 10,000 immigrants coming through the inspection lines daily. Standing next to the immigrant is a translator who would help to translate the questions to the immigrant and the answers to the inspector.



This is a photograph of the steerage class on one of the ships that would bring immigrants to America. The immigrants who were arriving to Ellis Island were immigrants that traveled by steerage. Steerage class was the cheapest ticket on a ship one was able to buy and it was the most crowded class on the ship.



Here are some immigrants waiting for the next available inspector. As they walked up the stairs to the Registration Hall, Public Health Service doctors were inspecting the immigrants for any medical conditions that would need closer examination.



This is a hospital ward in the Ellis Island Immigrant Hospital Complex. Some immigrants arrived at Ellis Island needing medical attention for a variety of illnesses. This ward is for women and children all with the same illness.



Here are some immigrants arriving at Ellis Island carrying their luggage and their inspection tags. These immigrants will then head into the building and begin their inspection process.