



Cross-curricular 4: Immigration

- A.** Would you like to move to another country? **B.**  ^{CD2}₅₉ Listen and repeat.
- C.**  ^{CD2}₆₀ Listen and read.



On March 23rd, 1918, 11-year-old Antonio Rossi immigrated to the United States with his family. "We were very poor in Italy and my father didn't have a job," said Antonio. They went by ship. "It took two weeks and it was a difficult trip. The ship was dirty and many people got sick. There wasn't much food. When we arrived, we went to Ellis Island in New York Harbor." "We were asked: *Do you have any money? Where are you going to live? And then the doctor checked us,*" said Antonio. "After a few hours, we entered the United States! It was exciting but scary because we couldn't speak English!"

Over 100 million American citizens have an ancestor that immigrated through Ellis Island between 1892 and 1954. They didn't need a passport or a visa then. Today Ellis Island is a popular museum.

New Words

immigrated	poor	Ellis Island	New York Harbor
citizen	ancestor	passport	visa

D. Read and circle the correct word.

1. The Rossi family immigrated to **Italy** **the United States** .
2. Poor people don't have **much money** **many friends** .
3. Antonio and his family went by **ship** **plane** .
4. An ancestor is someone in your **family** **city** from a long time ago.
5. You need **an ancestor** **a passport** to go to another country now.
6. You **can** **can't** visit Ellis Island now.

Project Time: Write a Letter

A. ^{CD2}₆₁ Listen and number in order.



B. Write a letter about immigrating to the United States.

1. Imagine you're immigrating to the United States.
 - Who are you going with?
 - What are you taking with you?
 - What will you miss most?
 - What will be difficult?
2. Draw or find pictures. Write.

C. What do you think? Ask a partner.

1. Do you know anyone who has immigrated to another country?
2. Do you know anyone who has immigrated to your country?
3. Do you think immigrating is exciting or scary? Why?

Dear Tom,

My mother, father, brother, and I are immigrating to the United States. We're taking clothes, books, and a lot of photographs. I'm taking my computer games and my laptop computer. I'm going to miss my friends and grandfather a lot. I hope they visit us in the United States. It will be difficult to speak English all the time!

From Megan