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R. Conrad Stein : Ellis Island - Cof 2nd Edition (Cornerstones of Freedom) before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Ellis Island - Cof 2nd Edition (Cornerstones of Freedom):

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. An excellent look at immigration through Ellis Island...By Bonnie McKinzie Using this kids' book as a reader for adult literacy classes is great! It reveals many things that most have not heard nor realized. I found it shocking the way that illnesses were tracked. A huge H written on one's coat meant they were a heart patient, Sc meant scalp problems, etc. The most dreaded was a large X which indicated a mental patient. They were asked personal questions such as how much money they had and if they could read or had ever been in prison. Sometimes all but one member would be accepted and the family had to decide what to do. Obviously, most came looking for a better life but the trip over the ocean was dangerous, long and uncomfortable, since there were three classes on the voyage and most immigrants could only afford the cheap, bottom of the boat cramped quarters. Many got ill and died. Varied languages caused further loneliness. Families were often split up forever, it was not an easy thing to decide to come to America. Most would never be able to visit their motherland again...ever. Around 2% of the total were sent back home and this fear was with each immigrant that made it alive to Ellis Island. They were told NOT to tell anyone they had a job waiting, for this was against the international laws and they would be punished. If all went well, their stay on Ellis Island was about 5 hours. Since most immigrants were poor and had no money to get further than New York City, it quickly became a melting pot for Italians, Germans, Irish, Jewish and Polish. It was said one could tell where you were in the city just by opening your window at mealtime and smelling the spices and dishes from each country. Learning English and integrating into American life came easier for children than adults.

Most adults clumped together in small areas according to language and heritage, shopping at familiar stores and cooking and eating familiar foods. Ellis Island was eventually shut down, then reopened and restored and is now a museum. For many, the most important letters they saw were those on the door that said "PUSH TO NEW YORK CITY" and they did.

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From School Library Journal Grade 3-5-- Four succinct and interestingly written overviews. Well-chosen archival photos and reproductions are interspersed with full-color modern-day shots to create a pleasing layout; the print is large and easy to read. While there is nothing new here, and the subjects are adequately covered elsewhere, these attractive and serviceable volumes will be good additions to most collections. --Zenata W. Pierre, Portland Public Schools, OR Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.