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Ellis Island Facts

Directions: Read the passage below about Ellis Island. Then complete the scavenger-style tasks by underlining or writing down the key facts you find. Stay focused on details, not opinions.

Gate To A New Life

From 1892 to 1954, Ellis Island served as the busiest immigration station in the United States. Millions of people from Europe and other parts of the world arrived there by ship, hoping for better opportunities. As soon as they stepped inside the main building, immigrants went through inspections to make sure they were healthy and prepared to support themselves in America.

Doctors used a quick medical exam called the "six-second physical" to look for signs of illness. If immigrants showed a health concern, they were sent for more testing. Others went to the Registry Room, where inspectors checked their names and asked important questions about their plans in the country. Once approved, families left Ellis Island to begin their new lives, often traveling to cities like New York, Chicago, and Philadelphia.

Fact Hunt Tasks

1. Underline the years Ellis Island was in operation.

2. Write down two places immigrants came from:

3. Underline what doctors looked for during the "six-second physical."

4. Write one fact about the Registry Room:

5. Underline what happened when immigrants passed inspection.

6. Write the names of two cities immigrants traveled to after leaving Ellis Island:
