Name

Policy Checkpoint Answer Key

1-C	5-B
2-D	6-D
3-A	7-C
4-B	

Check that students rely on historical meaning, not guesswork.

Teacher's Guide

Purpose: Support critical reading and historical awareness of restrictive immigration laws in U.S. history.

Before the Activity

- Introduce key terms: exclusion, quota, policy, restriction, prejudice
- Provide quick background notes or a mini timeline of immigration laws

During the Activity

- Encourage students to explain their reasoning for choices
- Re-read any question that causes confusion clarify vocabulary

After the Activity

- Discuss why these laws were created and who they impacted
- Highlight connections to immigration experiences at Ellis Island

Differentiation Strategies

- Reduce answer options for students needing extra support
- Work in pairs and allow verbal discussion before choosing answers
- Add teacher-created visuals representing each policy

Engagement Ideas

- Students create mini posters with policy names and their impacts
- Conduct a brief debate: "Were quotas fair?" (structured and respectful)
- Compare newspaper headlines from the time period

Extension Opportunities

- Research how immigration laws later changed and why
- Explore a primary source story of someone affected by these policies
- Write a reflection on how laws can shape who is allowed into a country

