

The Inspection Line Answer Key

Multiple-Choice:

1. B
2. D
3. C
4. A

Short-Answer Expected Points:

5. About jobs, family members, travel plans, paperwork (any two accurate details)

6. They were close to being approved to enter the U.S.; the chance for a new life; seeing others succeed provided hope

7. Possible challenge examples: fear of being turned away; medical inspection; chalk marking; long lines

Possible hopeful moments: encouragement from family; cheers when approved; moving closer to their American dream

Teacher's Guide

Before Reading

- Introduce vocabulary: Registry Room, inspection, disease, paperwork
- Show images of Ellis Island's Great Hall for context
- Ask: "Why might arriving in a new country be both exciting and scary?"

During Reading

- Encourage students to annotate or highlight evidence
- Pause to predict outcomes: "Will this family pass?"

After Reading

- Discuss the emotional experience of immigrants during the process
- Emphasize the importance of evidence when answering questions

Extension Opportunities

- Compare Ellis Island procedures to those at modern ports of entry
- Research how medical inspections changed over time
- Create a class timeline of immigration experiences in U.S. history