

# Coming to America

## Lesson Overview

Students will learn about the reasons for and process of immigrating to America in the 19<sup>th</sup> century. This lays the foundation for learning about life in the 19<sup>th</sup> century and in a coal-mining town such as Eckley. See presentation– Coming to America: Ellis Island.

### Objectives

- Students will be able to list 2 push and 2 pull factors.
- Students will be able to list 3 differences between first-, second-, and third class room and board conditions.
- Students will understand the way immigrants were processed.

### Standards

- 8.1. Historical Analysis and Skills Development
  - B. Historical Comprehension
  - C. Historical Interpretation
- 8.3 United States History
  - A. Contributions of Individuals and Groups
  - B. Documents, Artifacts, and Historical Places
  - C. Influences of Continuity and Change

## Activities/Assessments

- ❖ Story Time – there are several children’s books available to borrow at Eckley Miners’ Village Museum.
  - \***Recommended titles:** Journey to America by Madeleine Keyes; Coming to America The Story of Immigration by Betsy Maestro; and At Ellis Island A History in Many Voices
- ❖ [Let’s Get Packing](#)
- ❖ [Coming to America crossword](#)
- ❖ [A Letter to Home](#)

Useful Links/Resources:

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/immigration/tour/stop1.htm>

## VOCABULARY

**Immigrant** – person who comes to live permanently in a foreign country.

**Emigrant** – the people that are leaving their native country to go to a new one for permanent residence.

**Immigration** – the people that are coming to another country or place for permanent residence, which is not native to them.

**Push/pull factors** – reasons/things that pushed people to leave their home countries and move to another country/things that entice someone to move to a new country

**Persecute** – to hurt someone because they have different beliefs.

**Freedom** – the state of being free from another person’s or group’s absolute control

**Steamship** – a ship powered by steam; passenger ship – carried people; cargo ship – carried goods and sometimes poor people.

**Steerage** – the bottom of the ship where cargo and very poor immigrants stayed.