

Video Activity Worksheet
Unit 9: Immigration
Immigration Yesterday and Today

Predict

This video profiles the immigrants' experience in the United States, past and present; their determination to have a better life and the challenges they face. Before you watch the video, answer the following question.

What challenges do immigrants face?

Focus

Watch the video. Find the answer to the following question.

What were the two entry points into the United States?

Comprehension

A. Give five examples from the video that support the statement below.

The price for freedom was high.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

B. Which of the following ideas can you infer from the video? Check (✓) the box.

- Ellis Island received more immigrants from Western Europe than Angel Island.
- The process of assimilating is much easier today.
- Not knowing the language is the most challenging obstacle.
- The ability to adapt depends on an immigrant's intelligence.
- There are classes that help new immigrants understand the American culture.

Discussion

- Have you ever heard the term "the American Dream"? What do you think it is? Does it really exist?
- Have you ever moved to or lived in a different country? Describe the experience. How long did you live there? What difficulties did you have? What did you learn? If you haven't lived in a different county, do you know people who have? Describe their experience.
- Are there many immigrants in your country? Where do they come from? How well are they assimilated into your culture?

Writing

Write about a time when you felt like an outsider, in a situation or a place that was new for you. If you have lived in another country write about that. If you haven't, you can write about starting college, a new class, a new job, even attending a social event where you didn't know anybody.

What was new for you? How did you feel? Write about the positive and negative aspects of this experience. Use specific examples.

