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Facts to Know Immigration and Citizenship

An immigrant is a person who leaves his or her home to settle and live in another land.

America was known as “a land of opportunity”, or a place where people could have a better life with chances to learn and prosper.

E Pluribus Unum is our country's motto. It is Latin for, “out of many, one”. America is a country made up of millions of immigrants and is known as a “melting pot”.

On the east coast, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty was one of the first things that immigrants saw as they sailed into New York harbor. On the west coast, Asian immigrants sailed to Angel Island, near San Francisco.

Most immigrants stayed in large cities like New York, Chicago, Boston, or San Francisco. Many times immigrants created small communities with others from their same country known as Little Italy or Chinatown.

A citizen is a legal member of their country. There are two ways to become an American citizen: by birth or by naturalization.

Requirements to become a U.S. citizen are:

- 18 years old and lived in the U.S. for at least 5 years
- Be a good “law-abiding” citizen
- Read, write, and speak English
- Take an oath
- Pass an American history test

Vocabulary

Angel Island –an immigrant processing center on the West Coast

Citizen – a member of a state or country

E Pluribus Unum - the national motto of the United States, it means “out of many, one”

Ellis Island – an immigrant processing center on the East Coast

Immigrant – someone who has left his or her home country to settle elsewhere

Opportunity – a chance, a possibility

Rights and Responsibility – the privileges and obligations that a government expects its citizens to understand and abide by