



# Medical Inspection

The U.S. Public Health Service conducted the physical examinations for immigrants on Ellis Island. The exam lasted approximately six-seconds. If an immigrant showed an outward sign of illness or condition, which could have prevented them from earning a living, then an immigrant would be detained and possibly excluded from entering the United States.

**Classroom Activity: List and discuss the symbols used to indicate medical conditions on immigrants that passed through Ellis Island.**

	Symbol	Condition
1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____

**Name some conditions you would look for today ! Give them a letter.**

1.	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____

**Mental testing was often conducted to make sure that immigrants did not have any disorders. This test is a sample ! Circle the appropriate letter !**

(Immigrants had 3 minutes to complete a series of tests like this without instruction)

NOTE:

If an immigrant failed the mental test three times, then that person was deported for having a mental illness !

A



B



C



D

