

Ellis Island Oral Interview

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Gabrielle Zahuatitla:

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There are over 400 National Parks in the United States, with the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island being one of them. With that said, how has this project impacted your understanding of the National Parks?

“Before this project, I did not pay too much attention to the National Parks. I felt that it was just a “park, park,” but when we started doing this I realize that they dedicated practically a whole park to Ellis Island and immigration and I feel that it is amazing! Just to have that one section where people can get stories and feel that much more connected to stuff that has happened is a great thing.”