**Immigration Scrapbook Project**

At the turn of the century, new immigrants flooded the gates into America. The people who came to America experienced hardships and economic progress. Their story is the story of America’s growth and expansion. To deepen your understanding of the immigrant’s story, you will role-play an immigrant from one country and create either a digital scrapbook of their life using Power Point, or a real scrapbook using scrapbooking materials. You will select a country (maybe where your ancestors came from; you might even “become” one of your ancestors) and use resources such as *Ellis Island Interviews* and other print/Internet resources to gain a further understanding of immigrants coming from that country*.* You will “become” an immigrant from what you learn during your research into immigration. This will be a historical fiction type of project.

**Digital Scrapbook Guidelines:**

1. Use Power Point to **create a scrapbook of your life**. ***The scrapbook must include the following (it may include more items if you choose)***:
2. A **cover page** (including a title to your scrapbook and an image that you select)
3. **Artifacts** or **memorabilia** *that represent your home nation (ex: flag, national anthem, photographs of historical figures or famous places)*
4. **Photographs** of your family or friends with caption. *You are required to have at least one family photo and one photo of yourself in America*.
5. **Artifacts**, **memorabilia**, and **information** about: *your first sight of America, your new home, job, expectations of America and social experiences (ex: pay stub, job description, any school experience, report card, immunization form)*
6. **Two “original documents”**: *Use Word (many templates available). Options could include Ellis Island Registration Card, Medical Evaluation Sheet, Ship Log or Manifest from your journey over, Passport* … *the options are almost limitless*
7. **Five journal entries-** each must be on a separate page in your power point. See the Physical Scrapbook list for specifics to include in each diary entry
8. **Each photograph or item must have a caption to illustrate its importance**
9. Creative design features that create interest for others viewing your scrapbook.

Though this project is digital, the documents, artifacts, photographs, and other materials that are used should be historically accurate. You will be graded on completion of requirements, historical content, historical accuracy, and creativity.

Immigration Scrapbook Project Rubric

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| **Requirements** | **Points** |
| Cover Page: visually appealing and including both a title and image. | /5 |
| Artifacts and memorabilia from your home country: historically accurate and creative.  Includes accurate captions that describe its importance. | /10 |
| Photographs of family and friends: Includes at least one family photo and one photo of you in America (at least 5 pictures in total). Each photograph is labeled with a caption that explains the people in the picture and where it was taken. | /5 |
| Artifacts and memorabilia from America: historically accurate, creative, and reflective of your experience in America as a newly arrived immigrant. Each also includes a caption that describes its importance. | /10 |
| Journal Entries: 5 journal entries that share the experiences of an immigrant, including one entry from your trip to America and one from your experience at Ellis Island. They are all dated and sound authentic! | /50 |
| Original documents: includes 2 “original” documents that provide insight into the life of your immigrant. Yours are creative, carefully constructed, and could pass for the real thing! | /10 |
| Creativity and design: You clearly put a lot of thought into the design of your scrapbook and into the content that you included. Not only is the scrapbook very attractive, but it also looks authentic! | /10 |
| Comments |  |
| Total | /100 |

**Immigrant Physical Scrapbook**

**Scrapbook**

Your scrapbook should have:

* + Cover with the country of origin, A “Family” photo, and a map of  your country
  + 5 artifacts ex. steamship ticket, photos, birth certificate, etc.
  + Artifacts may be photos, i.d. cards, tickets, birth certificates, etc. with captions
  + 5 journal or diary entries- details below

**Journal Entry Details**

Entry 1:  Intro and Life in Your Homeland

* Character’s name and Age
* Family History – who is in your family, what do they do
* Character’s education
* Health History – do you have any health problems – tuberculosis, hunger, a rash, coal miner’s cough, etc.?
* Description of life in your homeland
* Language:  How do you say hello, goodbye, freedom, please, and thank you in your native language?
* Describe why your family is immigrating to America – reasons for wanting to leave your country and reasons for wanting to go to America

Entry 2:   Describe your trip to America

* How did you get out of your home country?  Was it difficult?
* Did you bring your whole family or did you come alone? Why did you make the choice you did?
* How are you getting to America?
* How much did it cost you to travel to America?
* How long did it take you to get to America?
* Describe what your journey was like.

Entry 3: Arrival in America

* Describe the location where you entered the United States. Angel Island? Ellis Island?  Somewhere else?
* Describe your experience when you arrived in the United States.
* Describe your feelings about being in America.

Entry 4:  First days in America

* Now that you are here in America describe what you see around you – the city, the people, etc?
* How are you being treated?
* Where do you plan to settle in America?
* Will you stay where you have arrived or will you move to another location?  Why?
* What do you plan to do in America?
* Will you do the same type of work you did in your homeland or will you seek some other type of employment?

Entry 5:  Six months to one year after your arrival in America

* What has life in America been like for you?  Describe some of your major experiences including:
  + The hardships you faced (Language, housing, etc.)
  + How have American citizens treated you?
  + Have you been able to work toward or achieve your dreams?
  + Do you plan to stay in America or return to your homeland after your experiences?  Explain your decision.

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\_\_\_\_\_20 pts. 5 artifacts ex. steamship ticket, photos, birth certificate, etc. captions are included

\_\_\_\_\_10 pts. Authentic appearance

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\_\_\_\_\_10 Use of historical fact.

\_\_\_\_\_10 Spelling and grammar.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Total Points out of 100**