

Immigration and Ellis Island Class Glossary

As you begin to encounter vocabulary associated with immigration and Ellis Island, you need to ensure scholars understand these words. Once scholars have definitions, have them create a class glossary of terms that will be posted in the room and available throughout the unit.

Scholars should write words on index cards and then write their definition on a sentence strip. The index card and sentence strip should then be posted in the room. This is an on-going project that should continue as you encounter more vocabulary throughout the weeks of the unit.

Here is a list of some sample words. You should edit this list as necessary.

Week 1:

- Immigration
- Immigrant
- Emigrant
- Home country

Week 2:

- Homestead Act
- Famine
- Politics
- Liberty
- Poverty
- Pogroms
- Labor
- Atlantic Slave Trade
- Religious Persecution
- Pogroms
- Slavery
- Free Country

Week 3:

- Federal Immigration Center
- Manifest

Week 4:

SUCCESS
ACADEMY
EDUCATION
INSTITUTE

- Statue of Liberty
- Beacon
- The New Colossus

Week 5:

- Inspection
- Detention
- Medical Exam
- Trachoma

Week 6:

- Tenement