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Ellis Island Checkups

Short Answer Key

1. The goal was to prevent diseases from spreading and make sure immigrants were healthy before entering the U.S.
2. The "six-second exam" was important because it quickly identified sick or weak immigrants who needed further tests.
3. Immigrants with serious illnesses were either sent back to their home country or kept in the Ellis Island hospital if they could recover.
4. Many immigrants were nervous and scared because they didn't want to be sent home or separated from their families.
5. Ellis Island is important today because it is a museum that teaches people about the history of immigration to the U.S.

