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Ellis Island Checkups

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary. Some students might say immigrants felt nervous because they feared being sent back, while others might say they felt hopeful to start a new life.
2. Answers will vary. A student might say their biggest fear would be failing the medical exam because they had waited so long to come to America.
3. Answers will vary. Some students might say the exams were fair because they protected public health, while others might say they were unfair because they separated families.
4. Answers will vary. Some students might say today's health screenings for travelers and immigrants are similar, while others might say modern medicine has made the process easier.

