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Ellis Island: The Gateway to America

Short Answer Key

1. Many immigrants arrived in New York City because it was the main port where ships from Europe landed.
2. Castle Garden was too small and overcrowded, making it difficult to process immigrants.
3. Ellis Island improved the immigration process by making it more organized with medical and legal inspections.
4. The U.S. government needed a larger station because more immigrants were arriving every year, and the old system was not working well.
5. Today, Ellis Island is a national museum where people can learn about immigration history.

