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Ellis Island: The Gateway to America

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary. A student might say they would feel excited and nervous because they were starting a new life.
2. Answers will vary. Some students might explain that immigrants helped build the economy by working in factories and starting businesses.
3. Answers will vary. Some students might say it would be exciting but also scary to leave behind family, friends, and familiar places.
4. Answers will vary. Some students might say Ellis Island was fair because it made sure people were healthy, while others might argue that it was unfair because some families were sent back.

