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Ellis Island's Final Days

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Answers will vary. Some students might say immigrants felt sad because they thought Ellis Island was part of the American dream. Others might say they felt relieved because new processing methods were faster.
2. Answers will vary. Some students might say the new laws helped keep immigration organized, while others might argue that fewer immigrants meant fewer opportunities for people seeking a better life.
3. Answers will vary. Some students might say immigration would be slower today if Ellis Island were still used, while others might say it would be exciting to keep this part of history alive.
4. Answers will vary. Some students might say Ellis Island is important because many people have family members who passed through it, while others might say it is a reminder of America's history.

