**Immigrant Letter**

**Background:** Immigrants have come from all over the world to the United States to seek a better life for themselves and their families. Many of these immigrants, surrounding the years of the Industrial Revolution, went through Ellis Island. You have read about the journey through Ellis Island in the handout from class.

**Directions:** Use the information from “Ellis Island: Gateway to America” to help yourself write a polished, perfected letter from the perspective of an Immigrant to the United States around the time of the industrial revolution. You will be writing the letter to one of your relatives back in the old country (the country where you came from).

**Your letter must...**
- Be written as if you are an immigrant from Eastern Europe.
- Contain the following information in the BODY OF THE LETTER
  - Contain 3 facts & some emotions about Leaving Home
  - Contain 3 facts & some emotions about the journey On Board
  - Contain 3 facts & some emotions about the process of Inspection
  - Contain 3 facts & some emotions about your life Beyond Ellis Island
- Follow the letter format (see below)
- Be typed in Times New Roman, size 12, double spaced
- Be more than one page, but less than two!
- Be edited for proper spelling, punctuation and grammar.
- Contain an Eastern European name for your relative (below)

**Letter format:**
- Date (written out - ex: January 15 not 1/15)
- Dear (name I choose from below),
- Body of the Letter 2-3 paragraphs (see above/rubric)
- A way to end the letter
- Your name

**Eastern European Names**
Aleksandr (M)
Akilina (F)
Dimitri (M)
Galya (F)
Grigori (M)
Nadia (F)
Oleg (M)
Pasha (F)
Pavel (M)
Svetlana (F)
# IMMIGRANT LETTER RUBRIC

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<td><strong>Body of Letter/Content</strong></td>
<td>Your letter should: - Be written as if you are an immigrant from Eastern Europe. - Contain 5 facts &amp; some emotions about the process of &quot;Leaving Home&quot; - Contain 5 facts &amp; some emotions about the journey &quot;On Board&quot; - Contain 5 facts &amp; some emotions about the process of &quot;Inspection&quot; - Contain 5 facts &amp; some emotions about your life &quot;Beyond Ellis Island&quot; - Be written in a way that shows effort, care, concern and thoughtfulness.</td>
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<td><strong>Typed/Editing/Length</strong></td>
<td>- Letter must be typed - Times new Roman - Size 12 - Double Spaced - Proper editing completed - Spelling - Grammar - Punctuation - More than ONE page, less than TWO</td>
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<td><strong>Proper Letter Format</strong></td>
<td>- All letter format bullets from the other side of this paper should be followed - The letter should look like the example - Eastern European name used</td>
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NO RUBRIC WITH LETTER = FIVE POINTS OFF