**Immigration Bell-Ringer**

**Hook** – Read along as you listen to a recording of “America” by Neil Diamond and complete the following:

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| What is the overall tone of the song? |
| Why did the author switch from first person to 3rd person? |
| What is the significance of these phrases:   * “We huddle close” * “In the eye of the storm” * “Freedom's light burning warm” * “Everywhere around the world”      * “Got a dream they've come to share” |
| Select one word from the song you think is the most important word and explain why. |

**America**

Far  
We've been traveling far  
Without a home  
But not without a star

Free  
Only want to be free  
We huddle close  
Hang on to a dream

On the boats and on the planes  
They're coming to America  
Never looking back again  
They're coming to America

Home, don't it seem so far away  
Oh, we're traveling light today

In the eye of the storm  
In the eye of the storm

Home, to a new and a shiny place  
Make our bed, and we'll say our grace  
Freedom's light burning warm  
Freedom's light burning warm

Everywhere around the world  
They're coming to America  
Every time that flag's unfurled  
They're coming to America

Got a dream to take them there  
They're coming to America  
Got a dream they've come to share  
They're coming to America

They're coming to America  
They're coming to America  
They're coming to America  
They're coming to America  
Today, today, today, today, today

**1880-1920 - Immigration Analysis**

* Read pg. 254 – 259 in The Americans and complete the following tasks.

**Define:**

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| Golden Door – | Angel Island – |
| Birds of Passage – | Melting Pot – |
| Steerage – | Nativism – |
| Immigration station (port of entry) – | Chinese Exclusion Act – |
| Ellis Island – | Gentleman’s Agreement – |

**Complete the following charts:**

Why did immigrants come to America?

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| **Where** | **Country/Areas** | **Reasons for immigrating** |
| Europe |  |  |
| Asia |  |  |
| West Indies/Mexico |  |  |

What was it like at the processing stations?

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| Ellis Island – |
| Angel Island – |