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Immigration is when a person leaves one country to go live in another. About twenty- two million foreigners immigrated to Ellis Island for freedom in America, around the turn of the century.

People from around the world must have had a difficult time but the Statue of Liberty kept them going. Some of the people that came to America came for religious freedom, food, education, jobs and freedom from the government. When people immigrated, and came through Ellis Island, they could not be sick. If they were sick, doctors would put an X on their coat and send them back to their country of origin. The ship they came on were unsanitary and crowded so badly that the people got ill and were unfortunately sent back. The people would take only the necessary things like food and clothing. One out of two Americans has ancestors who immigrated to this country. Even so, some immigrants were sent back to their home countries because they were ill.

My parents immigrated after their wedding. People like my father had a harder time immigrating because they were doctors, scientists, or held important jobs. My father is a doctor. The government had to send important papers to let him in. My father immigrated for his job and came to America while my mother finished her degree. Finally the papers arrived, and my father got through. My mother arrived in America without difficulty.

If my parents had not come to America, my family would have stayed in Guatemala and to have been able to have the quality of life that we do in America.

Immigration is a very good thing, and I am proud to be of Guatemalan descent and living in America. I will probably stay in America and this where I will raise my family.