

Immigrating to America

assimilation: the cultural absorption of a minority group into the main cultural body

citizenship: the rights, privileges, and duties that come with being a citizen of a certain country

deport: to send people back to their own country

detain: to hold somebody back when he or she wants to go

Ellis Island: a small, government-owned island in upper New York Harbor; former examination center for immigrants seeking to enter the United States

emigrate: to leave your own country in order to live in another one

ethnic: having to do with a group of people sharing the same national origin, language, or culture

immigrant: someone who comes from abroad to live permanently in a country

immigrate: to come into a new country, region, or environment, especially in order to settle there

inspection: an official examination or review

persecute: to continually treat someone cruelly and unfairly, especially because of that person's ideas or political beliefs