

# THE FOUR STAGES OF THE IMMIGRANT JOURNEY

Immigrants coming to the United States during the Great Wave had a long, hard trip ahead of them. There were no cars or airplanes to make their trips easier. What steps did people have to take to get to America?

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People had to travel over land to get to a port where they could get on a ship. They traveled by train, horse, cart, or even by foot. This part of the trip could be long or short depending on where an immigrant lived.



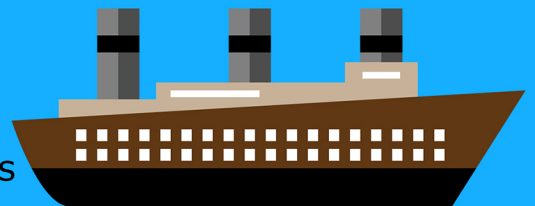
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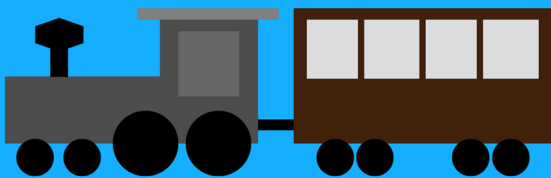
Immigrants got on a ship and traveled to a place with a bigger port. Ships crossing the Atlantic Ocean were very big and needed big ports. Sometimes, immigrants would have to wait weeks at the port for the next ocean crossing.

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Immigrants from all over Europe rode on a large ship across the Atlantic Ocean to a big port in the United States. These ships were crowded and the ocean could be rough. At the end of the trip, immigrants went through an inspection.



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Immigrants traveled over land to their final home in the United States. Thousands of these immigrants traveled to make their new home in New Hampshire.

1. Which stage do you think is the hardest? The easiest? Why?
2. How do you think the journey was different if you immigrated from Canada?
3. How is traveling as an immigrant today different than during the Great Wave? How is it the same?