Immigration and Disease

Goal
Be able to describe how and why immigrants were screened for disease at Ellis Island and critique the methods that were used.

Directions: After the assigned reading, answer each question using complete sentences.

1. What was the examination procedure like for different classes of immigrants when they arrived at Ellis Island?

2. Explain the thought behind the rigorous exams for steerage passengers. How does this compare to first-class?
3. Why would first class passengers have less inspections than steerage passengers?

4. Describe parts of the inspection process where the people were not treated well. Suggest ways that they could have been treated better.

5. Ask a question related to the spread of diseases that could be answered by doing an experiment.