

Ellis Island.

I'm here now in the United States because my grand-parents came through Ellis Island in 1895. They came from Sicily and they were on a boat, a trip that lasted several weeks. They arrived in Ellis Island, which is located in the harbor of New York, and once they arrived, they were given medical examination to determine their health. If they could not pass the medical examination, then they were sent back to their home country. Fortunately, my grand-parents were in good enough health to enter the country. On top of that, they also had to be asked many questions, basic information giving their name, age, gender and occupation back in Sicily. This information can now be checked in the records at the Ellis Island Museum. Ellis Island is a museum now that many tourists visit every year in New York. I would personally like to go there, to see my family's record in the books. My uncle has gone on line to look at the records electronically. But to see them written on pages is very different. It's a very strong link to my Sicilian heritage.

*Sicily : la Sicile

*to last : durer

*a harbor : un port

*health : la santé

*a home country : un pays natal

*a record : un enregistrement ; une trace écrite (un dossier, un rapport...)