Facts About the Angel Island Immigration Station

- The Angel Island Immigration Station was open for 30 years: from 1910 through 1940

- People spent from days to even months at the facility

- Some people came and left multiple times trying to come see their family in the United States

- A majority of people who went through the station were Asian, but there were people from more than 80 different countries

- People had to go through intense interviews recalling answers to questions such as "How many steps are there to your front door?"

- People wrote poems about their experiences and emotions as an immigrant to the United States on the walls of the barracks

- Barracks were separated by gender, with the exception of boys younger than 12 years old who stayed with their mothers

- The beds were wire bunk beds and there was not much room for belongings

- The immigration station had a hospital unit, dining halls, recreation yard, and little more

- Not everyone who went through the immigration process was allowed into the US (many went back home)
When You Look at the Bell…

The bell says 1910, because that’s the year the Immigration Station opened! It stayed open until 1940.

The top says, “San Francisco C.A.” because that was the big city people were traveling to.

The original color of the bell was not green- it was made of copper! Copper oxidizes, meaning the air changes its chemical make-up and turns it green - just like the Statue of Liberty!
Could you have answered them?

What direction did the doorway face?
Your Answer: ___________________________________

How many windows are in your house?
Your Answer: ___________________________________

How many steps are there to your front door?
Your Answer: ___________________________________

Of what material was the floor in your bedroom?
Your Answer: ___________________________________

How many times a year did you receive letters from your father?
Your Answer: ___________________________________

Who lived in the third house in the second row of houses in your village?
Your Answer: ___________________________________

Where was the rice bin located?
Your Answer: ___________________________________

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Clouds and hills all around, a single
Fresh color;
Time slips away and cannot be recaptured.
Although the feeling of spring is everywhere,
How can we fulfill our heartfelt wish?

Pentasyllabic and Heptasyllabic Quatrain Poetry Forms

- Five or seven characters per line;
- Four lines structured in two couplets;
- Tonal alternation;
- Rhyme

Rhyming characters fall at the end of even-numbered lines and sometimes, as here, in the first line as well.
Now that you have visited the Angel Island Immigration Station, think about your time spent here and all the other people who have visited this island during history.

- Would you feel scared to travel to a new place?

- Where did your ancestors come from?

- What did you learn about Angel Island?

- Name one thing you saw today?

Describe your experience at Angel Island and compare it to the immigrants who came before you.

JUNIOR RANGER PLEDGE

I, ____________________________

PROMISE TO:

Treat the earth and all living things with care and respect.

Be careful of what I do and how it affects others.

Learn about the importance of nature and our heritage.

______________________________

(print name)

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(your signature)