Video: New York Up Close Immigration and the Industrial Revolution (34 min)

- **Program Description**
- ***Immigration and the Industrial Revolution—Each of the four videos in the series contains five segments on a separate theme: geography, history, economics, civics, and culture. This video tells the story of the construction of the Erie Canal, describes the experience of European immigrants' coming to America, and presents the major innovations of Thomas Edison. It uses the Triangle Shirtwaist fire as an example of what happens when people are not protected by the law, and it looks at how African-American culture and American culture as a whole were shaped by the period of artistic and literary expression known as the Harlem Renaissance.***

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Locks

Write a sentence explaining why engineers had to use locks on the Erie Canal.

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Describe how a lock worked by drawing a diagram. Include labels and written descriptions of important features.

Write a paragraph about how people modified the environment where you live. Explain the benefits and drawbacks of the changes they made.

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Away From Home

Check the most likely root of the word "immigrant." Explain your answer.

	meander, an English word meaning "to wander"
	maigre, Old French for "lean" or "thin"
	migrare, an Latin word meaning "to move"

I chose the word _____because_____

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Briefly explain what is wrong with discrimination on the basis of a person's religion, nationality, age, sex, or skin color.

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Imagine you are an Irish immigrant living in New York City in the early 1900s. Write a letter home to tell about the advantages and disadvantages of living in the United States.

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Bright Ideas

Describe at least two innovations that followed each invention. Use the blank row for an invention of your own choosing. The first one has been done for you.

Invention	Innovation
television	1. TV sets were sold for a profit. 2. Advertisers used TV shows and commercials to sell products to viewers.
light bulb	
telephone	
vacuum cleaner	

Write a paragraph about how the invention of the electric power grid changed life for housewives in the United States. Think about how it affected the amount of free time they gained.

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