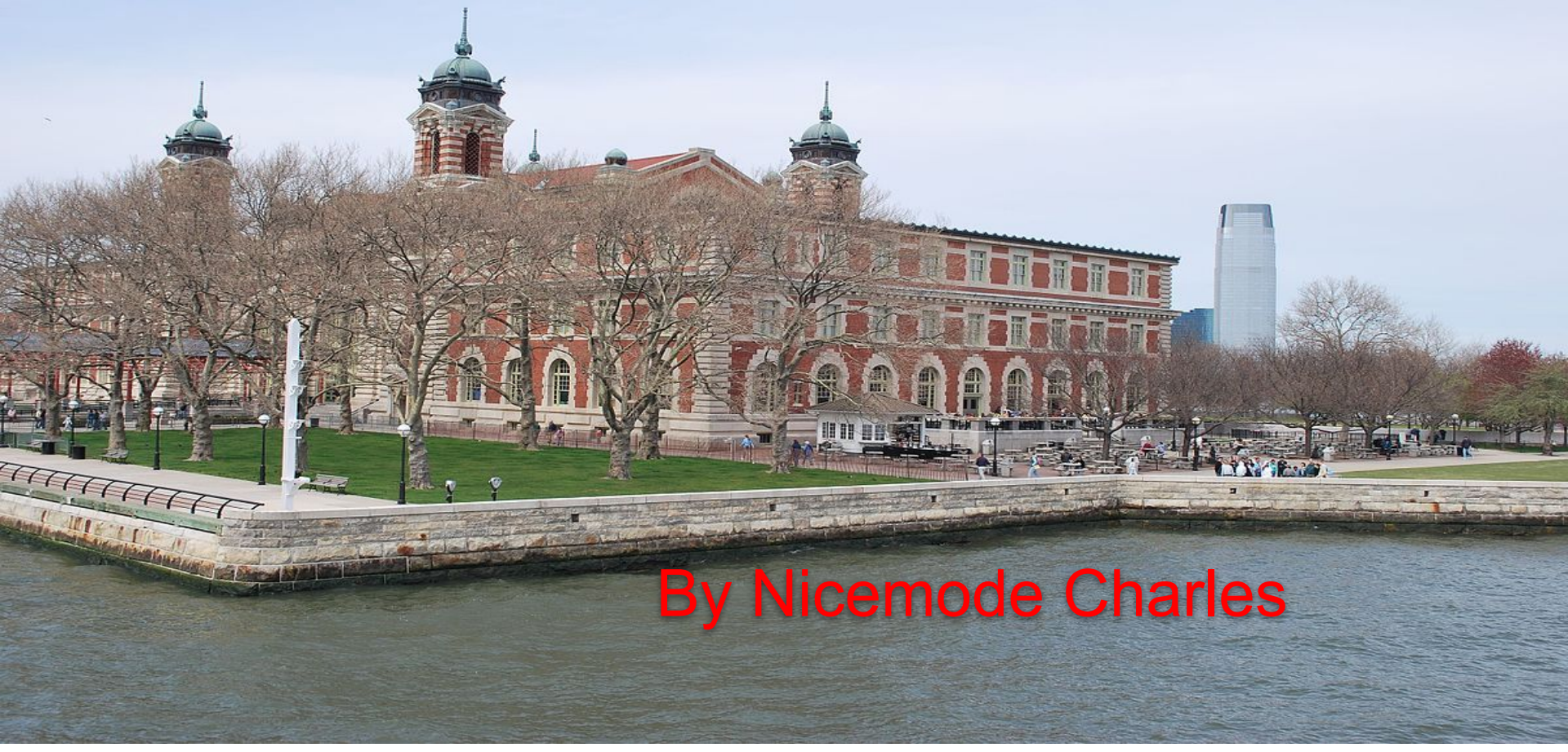


# ELLIS ISLAND



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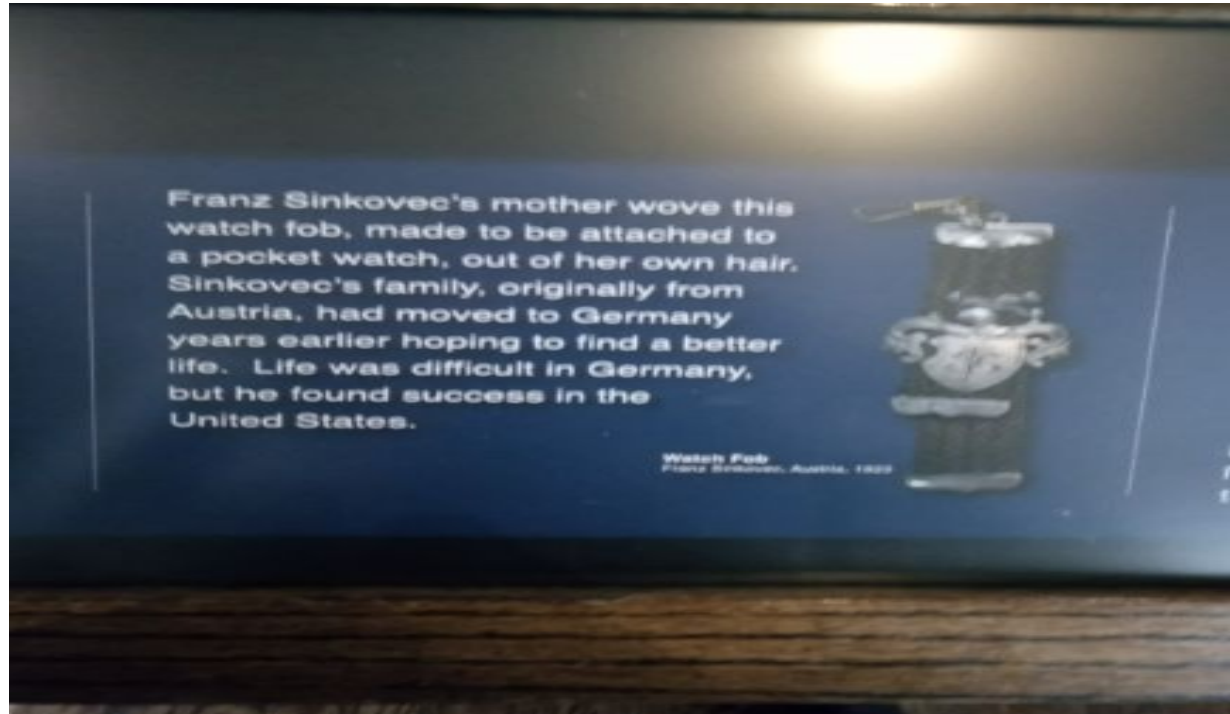


# Interest



# Personal Story

- Appeals to the audience's emotion
- Personal objects makes the learning more personal



# Immigration

- In the late 1800's and early 1900's millions of immigrants journeyed to America on steamship which were less cheaper than sailing ships
- In 1892 Ellis Island opened putting immigration under the control of federal government
- From Europe, Asia and other parts of the world majority from Italy, Russia, Poland, Spain and Greece
- Included women, men and children
- More than 12 millions immigrants wanted to experience a better life in North America

# Steamships



# Why Ellis Island?

- Ellis Island is a land in New York harbor which lies about 1.6kilometers South west of Manhattan
- It was big enough to contain the large crowds of immigrants that were expected to arrive everyday



# IMMIGRATION ISLAND



- For some Jewish Immigrants the trip was miserable, crowded and uncomfortable. Beds were way down at the bottom of the bunk
- Wealthy people stayed in private staterooms and cabins
- Third class people stayed in the steerage

# Time Frame and Challenges

- Took 2 to three weeks
- 3000 people packed in the same ship
- People spoke different languages and practised different religion
- Fear of being deported due to diseases or lack of money
- Family separations
- Corruption
- Hostile staff during medical screening



# What were they escaping?

- Violent wars from home
- Religious Persecutions
- Political reasons
- Famine for example the Great Famine in Ireland between 1846 and 1851

# Positive Impacts of Immigrants

- Growth of the American population
- Brought in new cultures and new languages
- Worked in different jobs

# What does Ellis Island represent today?

- In 1965 there was an onset of new period of mass immigration, Ellis Island has been under jurisdiction of the National Park service
- Now Ellis Island represents a patriotic sentiment as tourist come in everyday to experience the life that immigrants went through
- Ellis island was not used anymore when a strong legislative policy started being used in 1954 because it was considered not useful anymore

# Video

<https://www.history.com/topics/ellis-island/videos/hurdles-to-citizenship-on-ellis-island?m=528e394da93ae&s=undefined&f=1&free=false>



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