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Overview

Ellis Island

OVERVIEW

For more than sixty years, Ellis Island served as the entry point for millions of immigrants who hoped to start a new life in America. Between 1892 and 1954, around twelve million immigrants passed through Ellis Island on their way into the United States. Ellis Island’s main purpose was to serve as a processing station where incoming immigrants could be examined for illnesses or other problems that might prevent them from being productive members of society. Those who made it through the screenings were allowed to enter the United States. The rest were forced to return to their home countries. As a result, Ellis Island was a place of great hope and fear for many of those who landed there...

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Bessie Coleman

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Born: January 26, 1892 in Atlanta, Texas, United States
Died: April 30, 1926 in Jacksonville, Florida, United States
Nationality: American
Occupation: Airplane pilot
Other Names: Brave Bessie

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Miscellaneous:

- Ellis Island opened
- Telephone service began between Chicago and New York
- Chicago opened its first elevated railway
- Marcus Samuel founded Shell Oil
- Benjamin Harrison was president of the U.S.

At the time of Coleman's death:
- Josef Stalin became dictator of the Soviet Union
- David Sarnoff founded the National Broadcasting Company
- Ernest Hemingway's The Sun Also Rises was published
- Calvin Coolidge was president of the U.S.

The times:

- 1839–1914: Industrial Revolution
- 1865–1900: Realist Period of American literature
- 1870–1914: Realist Period of English literature
- 1900–1920: Naturalistic and Symbolist Period of American literature
- 1901–1914: Edwardian Age of English literature
- 1914–1919: World War I

Coleman's contemporaries:
- Adolf Hitler (1889–1945) German chancellor
- Edwin Hubble (1889–1953) American astronomer
- Charles de Gaulle (1890–1970) French general and politician
- Charles E. Coughlin (1891–1979) American priest
- James Chadwick (1891–1974) British physicist

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