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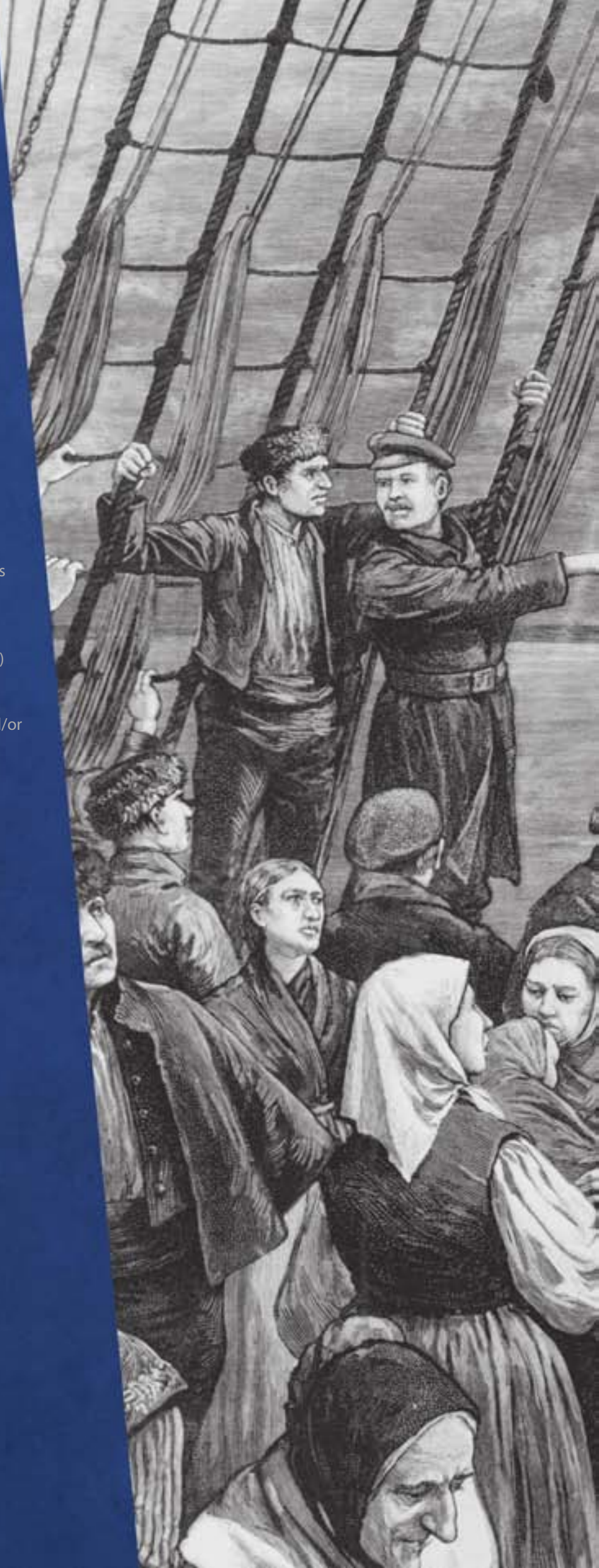
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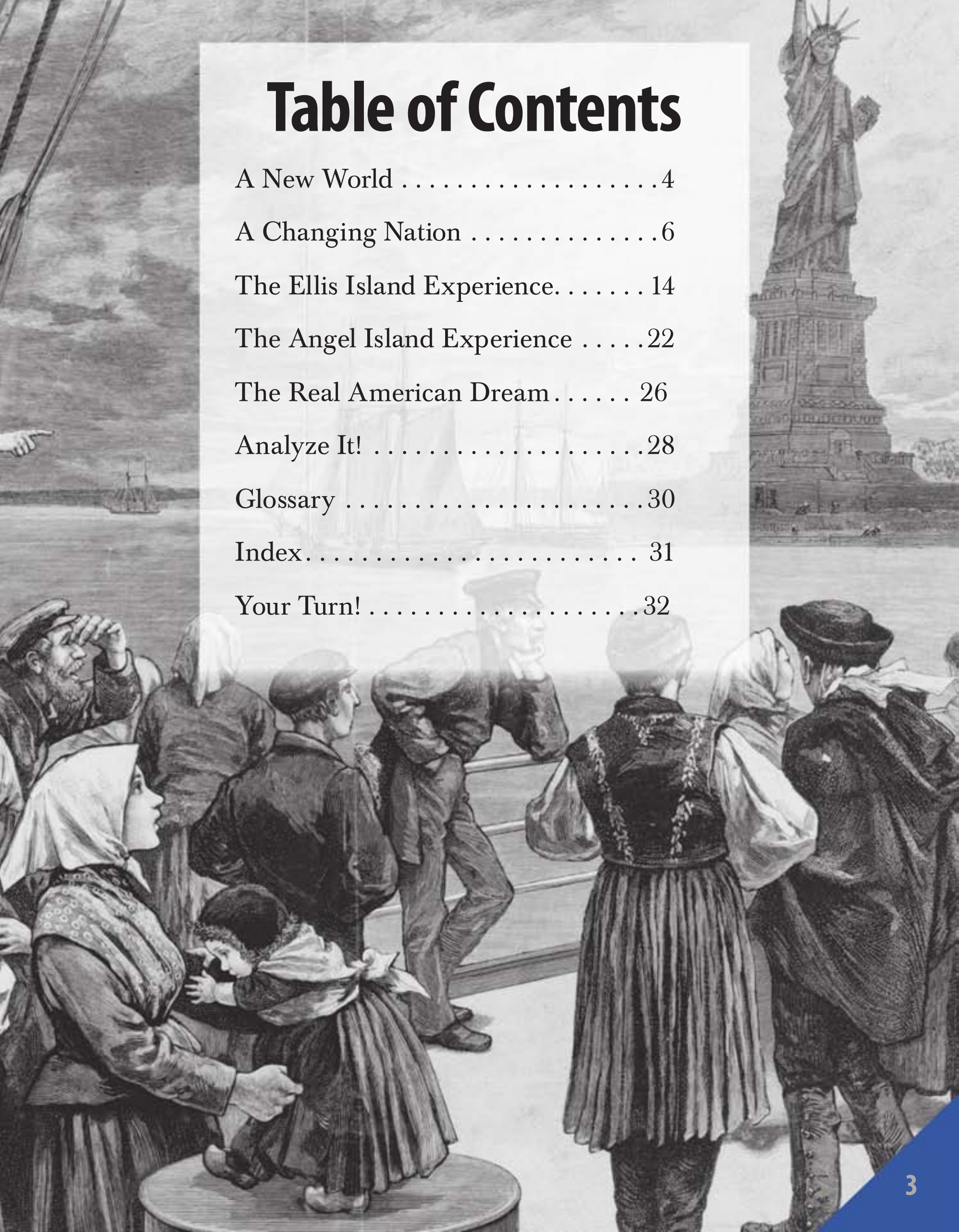
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# A New World

“It was very disrupting...to pack and break up your home. Oh, we took...clothing and some pieces of china...a blanket or two also that were real good wool, that we felt maybe we may not be able to get here in the United States.”

—Emma Greiner

It was 1925. Eleven-year-old Emma Greiner and her twelve-year-old brother, William, traveled to the United States from Italy. Their father had **immigrated** about five years earlier, and he missed them a lot. Emma and William had their aunts and each other. But they were about to leave behind a lifetime of memories.



▲ Early twentieth-century immigrants wait to enter the United States.

For hundreds of years, people from around the world have done just that. They have moved to the United States seeking freedom and better lives. The risks can be great, and the journey can be difficult. Success isn't guaranteed. But people still hope for better lives when they make the brave and life-changing move.

The early twentieth century saw a flood of immigration to the United States. Between 1880 and 1930, more than 27 million people made the tough journey. These people shaped the country's languages, traditions, politics, and **economy**. If they had not made the United States their home, the country would look very different today. Those people changed the United States forever.

▼ A group of modern-day immigrants become U.S. citizens.



## What's the Difference?

The terms *emigrant* and *immigrant* are not the same. The term *emigrant* is used to describe someone who moves *away* from a country. For example, people can emigrate from the United States to other countries. The term *immigrant* is used to describe someone who moves *to* a new country, such as a person immigrating to the United States from a different country. Both terms have *migrant* as their base, which means "one who moves."



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