

LESSON: Challenges of Escape, 1938–1941

ANSWER KEY

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO IMMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES

INSTRUCTIONS: Look through the Steps to Immigrate to the United States. In your group, discuss the requirements for each step in the immigration process, and identify the reason(s) you believe the relevant steps/documents were required by the US government before a person could immigrate from Germany to the United States. Using the Steps to Immigrate to the United States documents and the notes you compiled from the films as points of reference, label each step with one of the orange categories listed below.

RACISM AND ANTISEMITISM

GREAT DEPRESSION/ECONOMIC CONCERNS

NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS

IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION

WORLD WAR II RELATED

1. Register for the Waiting List
Immigration Restriction, Racism and Antisemitism (Teacher note: optional answer)
2. Gather Documents (These documents are just a sample of many a potential immigrant would need to gather.)
 - a. Application for US Immigration Visa
National Security
 - b. Medical Clearance
National Security, Great Depression
 - c. Police Certificate
National Security
3. Find an American Financial Sponsor (Requirements also include recommendation letter, bank letter, and affidavit.)
 - a. Tax Returns
Economic Concerns
4. Buy a Ship Ticket
World War II Related
5. Collect Transit Visa
World War II Related
6. Interview with American consulate
National Security, Racism and Antisemitism (Teacher note: optional answer)