LESSON: CHALLENGES OF ESCAPE, 1938–1941

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED TO IMMIGRATE TO THE UNITED STATES

Instructions

Look through your notes on the film clips and 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 United States 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 categories listed below:

GREAT DEPRESSION/ECONOMIC CONCERNS
NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS
IMMIGRATION RESTRICTION
WORLD WAR II RELATED

1. Register for the Waiting List
   Immigration Restriction

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 a 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