

City of Immigrants Part 4, Part 5, & Epilogue

Decision Tracker Reflection

After completing all parts of the mission, reflect on your journey in the game by answering the following questions.

1. What reasons were most important as you played?

Look at your **Decision Tracker**. Circle the reason that was **most important** to you as you played—maintain traditions, succeed in America, make progressive reform, or assimilate. Discuss why this reason was important to you.

2. Why are Lena’s decisions (in 1907) different from yours (in 2023)?

Fill out the **Game Decisions** chart below. An example is provided.

- In Column A, write how you think **Lena** as a young immigrant woman would respond to the situation. (It can be the same decision you made during game play.)
- In Column B, write how you think **you** would respond today.
- In Column C, write how **Lena’s world** and **your world** are different in ways that explain your different decisions.

Situation	Game Decisions		
	A. What did Lena (in 1907) decide to do?	B. What would you (in 2023) decide to do?	C. What are differences between Lena’s world and your world that explain your different decisions?
<i>Example: You are navigating through a new city you don’t know.</i>	<i>Ask for help from people on the street.</i>	<i>Put the location I’m looking for into the Google Maps app on my phone.</i>	<i>In Lena’s time, they didn’t have the technologies we have. She had to overcome her fear of strangers. We can often avoid this.</i>
1. Your family expects you to give them all the money you earn from working.			
2. The workers at your job form a union and ask you to join them on strike.			

3. Discussion: How well can we understand Lena?

Lena was a poor, Jewish immigrant from Russia living in a tenement and working in a factory at the start of the 20th century in one of the most crowded communities in the world. Your world is very different. Using the chart above as a reference, discuss:

- What makes it *hard* to understand the experience of an immigrant like Lena—how she thought and felt, and why she made the decisions she did?
- What makes it *possible* for you to understand a turn-of-the-20th-century immigrant’s experience despite all the differences?