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 youas 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.

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|  | **Game Decisions** |
| **Situation** | 1. What did **Lena** (in 1907) decide to do?
 | 1. What would **you** (in 2023) decide to do?
 | 1. What are **differences** between Lena’s world and your world that explain your different decisions?
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| ***Example:*** *You are navigating through a new city you don’t know.*   | *Ask for help from people on the street.*  | *Put the location I’m looking for into the Google Maps app on my phone.*  | *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.*  |
| 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 is *possible* for you to understand a turn-of-the-20th-century immigrant’s experience despite all the differences?