

JOURNEY TO THE UNITED STATES

1. Immigrants traveled by boat in the section called steerage
 - a. Named because it was under the steerage mechanism.
 - b. Cramped, noisy quarters on the lower decks
 - c. Cheapest tickets
2. The trip took 1-4 weeks depending on the weather.



3. Description of steerage :

- a. Overcrowded - "packed like sardines"
- b. Poor ventilation
 - no portholes below the water line
 - went on deck only in good weather
- c. Poor food - watery soup, boiled potato, hard bread, sausage, boiled beef
- d. Seasickness
- e. Filth
- f. Disease - some died before reaching America
- g. Rats and roaches
- h. Damp, wet conditions
- i. Narrow straw mattresses with rough blankets
- j. Crying children
- k. Foul odors