



Protection in the United States

Visit the 1950's apartment of Regina and Kalman Epstein, who came to the United States as Holocaust refugees following WWII. Participants learn about the struggles that have existed for people coming to this country and make connections with their own immigration or migration experience.

Pre-Visit Materials:

Your Story, Our Story Connection

During their visit, students will learn stories of immigrants, migrants, and refugees from long ago. Our Your Story, Our Story digital collection offers students the opportunity to make deeper connections. On pg. 2 you will find one YSOS story that complements the theme discussed during the workshop. Students are also welcome to use these stories as inspiration to write their own stories of immigration as well.

Your Story, Our Story Connection

Electronic Dictionary



This is a picture of my father's family. It has my grandparents, two aunts, uncle, and my father (the young boy in the front). My grandparents were originally from Taishan in southern China, but moved to Hong Kong during World War II to escape the Japanese invasion of China.

In the 1970's, my great grandfather, who immigrated to New York, sent money for my grandfather to bring his family. My father, uncle, and aunts lived together in a small apartment on Allen St. in Chinatown with my great grandparents. The tenement was very small and all 4 children shared a tiny room. However, my grandparents remember this period of as one of the happiest times in their lives. My dad remembers how he listened to the Beatles, how his dad took him to Mets baseball games, and how the entire family went to the movies every Sunday for a **matinee**¹. This is the first family photo they took in America, and it still sits on my grandma's night table.

-Your Story, Our Story Submitter

Your Story, Our Story, a national project, explores American immigration and migration through crowd-sourced stories of everyday objects. You and your students can explore curated collections on the website and add stories of their own. Visit yourstory.tenement.org.

¹ Afternoon show