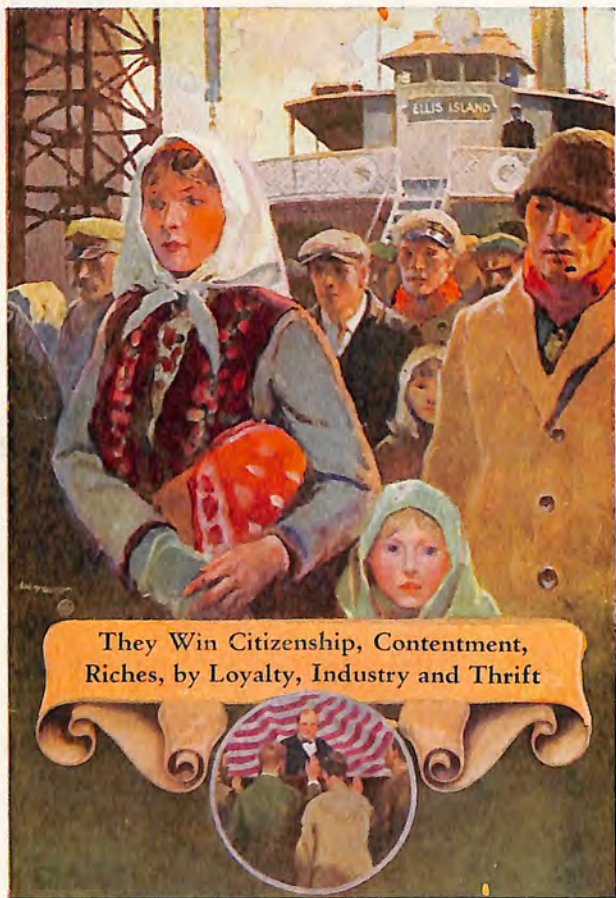


To the Pupil: TAKE THIS FOLDER HOME



They Win Citizenship, Contentment,
Riches, by Loyalty, Industry and Thrift

To the Parents: This is one of a series of lessons being taught in the public schools. Reading this folder will enable you to help your child in the preparation of his or her Essay.

They Win Citizenship

When you look out over this city or take a long trip by automobile or train, it is hard to believe that this great country was settled by white men only a little more than three hundred years ago. Most other countries are thousands of years old, but the United States has done all its big works in the space of a comparatively short time.

This means that the people who have settled here, whether it was back in the early days or just last year, have come with hope in their hearts and willingness to work. Very few of them had much money. They have had to earn what they got by their own hands and head. They could not have accomplished what they have done if they had been lazy or wasteful, or the sort that said, "can't," or "don't want to," when they saw something to do in front of them.

They came here with the idea that they would have better homes and that their children would have a better chance. And they have succeeded, for there are no homes anywhere else in the world that have such comforts as have the American. Nowhere else are there so many with electric light, or bath tubs, or comfortable furniture, or with wire screens in the windows. Wire screens we accept as a matter of course, but in other countries there are many people who cannot afford them. And then look at our big schools and colleges, at our enormous manufacturing plants, our skyscrapers, our city parks, at our miles and miles of railway tracks, and our miles and miles of paved roads with all the automobiles on them.

It takes work to get these things—work and thrift. A man cannot build a house if he spends every cent he earns

on food and clothes and amusements; and if all the people who have come to this country had stopped working when they got enough to eat, or had spent every cent they earned on amusement, what big works would we have? Would we have any big schools or any manufacturing plants or any automobiles or airplanes?

One man, if he is a dictator, can rule a country, but no one man can build a country. That can only be done by the loyalty, the industry, the thrift, and the love of beauty of all the people who are citizens of it.

You who are now in school must carry on the tradition of all the people in this country who have gone before you. You must work and save part of your money, so that you, too, can build big things, and so that the young people who come after you will say, "We must do as well as they did."