

Famous Ellis Island Immigrants

Below is a list of some famous people who passed through Ellis Island. You will probably not know all of these people but trust me, they were (or still are) famous in their own right!

Person	Native Land	Year	Occupation
Mary Antin (1881-1949)	Russia	1894	Writer
Isaac Asimov (1920-1992)	Russia	1923	Writer
Charles Atlas (1893-1972)	Italy	1903	Bodybuilder
Abraham Beame (1906-2009)	England	1906	Politician/Mayor NYC
Irving Berlin (1888-1989)	Russia	1893	Composer
Frank Capra (1897-1991)	Italy	1903	Movie Director
Claudette Colbert (1903-1996)	France	1912	Actress
Frank Costello (1893-1973)	Italy	1893	Gangster
Donald Crisp (1881-1974)	Scotland	1906	Actor
Xavier Cugat (1900-1990)	Spain/Cuba	1915	Musician
Max Factor (1872-1936)	Russia	1906	Cosmetician
Felix Frankfurter (1882-1965)	Austria	1894	Lawyer/Judge
Marcus Garvey (1887-1940)	Jamaica	1916	Ethnic Leader
Samuel Goldwyn (1882-1974)	Poland	1896	Movie Producer
Bob Hope (1903-2009)	England	1908	Actor
Al Jolson (1886-1950)	Lithuania	1894	Actor/Singer
Elia Kazan (1909-2009)	Turkey	1913	Director
Meyer Lansky (1902-1983)	Poland	1911	Gangster
Charles Luciano (1897-1962)	Italy	1906	Gangster
Bela Lugosi (1882-1956)	Hungary	1921	Actor
Antonio Moreno (1886-1967)	Spain	1902	Actor
Alan Mowbray (1896-1969)	England	1920	Actor
William O'Dwyer (1890-1964)	Ireland	1910	Politician
James Reston (1909-1995)	Scotland	1920	Journalist
Edward G. Robinson (1893-1973)	Romania	1903	Actor
Knute Rockne (1888-1931)	Norway	1893	Football Coach
Nicola Sacco (1891-1927)	Italy	1911	Anarchist
Igor Sikorsky (1889-1972)	Russia	1919	Inventor
Jule Styne (1905-1994)	England	1912	Composer
Baron von Trapp (1881-1948)	Austria	1938	Singer
Rudolph Valentino (1895-1926)	Italy	1913	Actor
Bartolomeo Vanzetti (1888-1927)	Italy	1911	Anarchist
George Voskovets (1905-1981)	Czechoslovakia	1951	Actor
George Zucco (1886-1960)	England	1913	Actor

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