

Read and answer the questions below the text:

MY ROOTS

My name is Jonathan Weil. I am a university professor and I live in the Village. My life is comfortable and interesting. I love my job, I travel a lot and I go to the opera, to the theatre, to concerts.

Sometimes I think how lucky I am when I remember my great grandfather, Isaac, who left his native Russia in 1890 to escape poverty and persecution. He was Jewish and the son of a rabbi.

He was the first in the family to emigrate to the New World. With very little money, he took a train to Hamburg, then a boat to Liverpool, where he boarded a transatlantic liner bound for New York. Just imagine how difficult it must have been. He couldn't speak any English, he was only seventeen, and his family was so far away. So when he saw the Statue of Liberty for the first time, he cried with joy. He stayed on Ellis Island for two days, while officials checked his papers and his health, and then a Jewish Charity took him to the Lower East Side, where he found a job as a salesboy. He worked very hard, learning English as fast as he could, and at night he slept at the back of the shop, on potato bags. His brothers joined him a few years later. In 1906 he married a pretty hat maker and in 1912, the couple became American. My grandfather was born the following year. He was a bright boy, and did well at school. He became a successful architect and built the house I now live in. When Isaac died in 1970, he was quite wealthy, and I remember what he used to repeat: "Success does not come to you. You go to it!"

1. Who is speaking ?
2. What do you learn about him?
3. Who is he talking about?
4. Who is Isaac?
5. What is Isaac's native country?.....
6. Why did he leave his native country?
7. How old was he?
8. Where did he emigrate?
9. What was his itinerary on his journey to reach the new world?.....
10. How did he feel when he saw the Statue of Liberty?
11. How long did he stay in Ellis Island and why?
12. What was his first job?
13. Where did he sleep at night ?.....
14. Who did he marry?
15. Who is their first child?
16. When was he born?
17. What was his job?
18. What is the saying he used to repeat?