SEQUENCE 1: THE UNITED STATES: A LAND OF IMMIGRATION Séance 1: The Pilgrim Fathers

Lecture de document iconographique.

The document is a cartoon. We can see four people. They are the Pilgrim Fathers. They are on a boat on the American coast. In the background we can see Native Americans.

Vocabulaire: the Pilgrim Fathers, a coast, in the background.

Correction du QCM "Describe briefly the cartoon by ticking the right answer."

Grammaire: le présent progressif (BE+V-ING)

Vocabulaire: to take place, a ship, Puritans, faith

Texte à trous sur Thanksgiving

Questionnement: It reminds Americans of their origins. What does that mean? What values have been shaped by this episode of history?

Faith in God, faith in work and faith in man.

Grammaire: le prêtérit et les verbes irréguliers.

Vocabulaire: celebration, to celebrate, a meal, to remind, to land.

Texte à trous sur la guerre d'indépendence américaine.
The New Colossus

Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
GloWS world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
“Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me,
I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”

By Emma Lazarus

brazen : cuivré
fame : la gloire
a limb : un membre
a beacon : un phare
to glow : briller, rougeoyer
mild : doux
huddled : sérées les unes contre les autres

to yearn : désirer ardemment
wretched : misérable
refuse : rebut
tooming : grouillant
tempest-tost : ballottés par la tempête

Source: Emma Lazarus: Selected Poems and Other Writings (2002)

Questions

1/ What is The New Colossus referring to?

2/ Why does the author evoke Greek fame in this poem?

3/ What is the symbolism in the expression « Mother of Exiles?"