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WHY YOUR FAMILY NAME WAS NOT CHANGED AT ELLIS ISLAND

After reading the portion of the NYPL blog post, answer the following questions in complete sentences.

1. What is the Ellis Island myth discussed in this article? How do scholars think it originated and why does it persist?
2. Who decided that names would be changed when immigrants moved to America?
3. What were some of the reasons why names were changed?
4. What was the significance of the ship's manifest in the immigration process?
5. Would you ever want to change your name? Why? What new name might you choose?