Matchbox Diary Study Guide

Key Vocabulary

1. artifact 7. medallion 13. typesetting

2. antique 8. Foundry 14. La Statua della Liberta

3. buttonhook 9. cannery

4. Ellis Island 10. coal

5. staple 11. Naples

6. St. Christopher 12. cigar

Key ideas/Questions

1. The significance of the objects in the matchboxes (eg. macaroni, tooth, hairpin, coal, empty box, ticket, letters)

2. Why the family decided they had to leave? What were the push factors?

3. What were the pull factors bringing the family to America?

4. What was the journey like to America?

5. What did the great-grandfather see first as he got close to America?

6. What were some of the jobs the family had?

7. How do we know that not all people were kind to immigrants?

8. What was the family’s life like when they first went to America?

9. Why did the great-grandfather start the matchbox diary?

10.Like many immigrants, what did the family think life would be like in America before they arrived? What was the reality?

11. How did the great-grandfather finally become successful?

12. How does the story end?

THE TEST WILL INCLUDE A VOCABULARY, MULTIPLE CHOICE AND SHORT ANSWER SECTION.

**The test is** **MONDAY, OCTOBER 23**