

**1.** Read the *Culture Tip* and match the numbers with their meaning.

1910 – Angel Island opened

1940 – Angel Island closed

500,000 – number of immigrants processed on Angel Island

**2.** Now read the text and find out what the numbers correspond to.

**a.** 1970: Weiss discovered the poems in barracks of the immigration station

**b.** 135: number of peoms A. Weiss found

**3.** Find in the text the “multiple languages” the poems were written in.

* 1. Chinese
  2. Cantonese dialect
  3. Toisanese dialect

**4.** Associate the following words from line 6 to 9 to the correct feeling: sadness / happiness.

anger – frustration – sorrow – despair – dreams (…) cut short – racist

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| **Happiness** | **Sadness** |
|  | anger – frustration – sorrow – despair –  dreams (…) cut short – racist |

**5.** Conclude on the feelings of the people detained in the island.

They were extremely sad and felt abandoned by a country they were hoping would welcome them with open arms. This made them both angry and frustrated.

**6.** Find out why the poets were *“well educated and highly literate”* (lines 16-21).

The poems alluded to Chinese literary or folkloric heroes as well as to Confucius, a famous Chinese philosopher.