1. What happened to Ben Shahn in 1905? How old was he? Do you think this incident was related to the reason his family left Russia?

2. Describe the family’s departure and the actions of his grandfather?

3. What was the first American custom that he adopted upon reaching Brooklyn from Ellis Island?

4. What kind of difficulties did young Ben experience on school?

5. Who recognized his artistic talent? What arrangement did he make to get into sixth grade?