

Baldizzi Apartment

Name _____

Before touring the apartment, look at the family history and find the answers to these questions.

1. Where did Adolfo Baldizzi emigrate from in 1923?
2. Why did his wife have such a hard time joining him?
3. What were the immigration quotas?
4. What had Adolfo Baldizzi been trained to do for a living before he came to America?
5. What was going on during the late 1920's that caused a problem for the Baldizzi family as well as most other Americans?
6. What was Mrs. Baldizzi's nickname and why did she get it?
7. Why were the Baldizzis evicted, along with all the other tenants, in 1935?
8. To where did the family eventually move?
9. Who built the cabinet in their kitchen?
10. What did Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia do on his radio show?
11. What was Home Relief?
12. What was the average rent of one of the apartments in the Lower East Side in 1930?
13. What is different about the lighting in this apartment?
14. What evidence is there for saying that these people had electricity?
15. What religion did the Baldizzi family practice?

16. Why has the bed in the front room been taken apart and stacked with the mattress against the wall?

17. Why did Josephine and Johnny fold up and cover their bed each day in the back room?

18. Why is there a window looking into a black area in the back room of this apartment?

19. Who are the “stars” shown in the pictures on the bedroom wall?

20. Are there any closets in this apartment?