

Interview Worksheet: Ameen

1. Exploration of our personal family migration story.

My Personal Migration Story

Country of Origin: Morocco

2. Who could you interview about this issue? Name and relationship

| Name | Why do you want their interview? | Relationship | What have you learned prior to the interview |
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| Touria | She was the first one on my mom's side to go to America. | Mother | She did not like America when she came. |
| Lahsen | He was the first one in my family to immigrate. | Father | He did not fly to New York first when he came to America. |
| Fadila | She might have more insight on why my mom went to America. | Grandma | She was concerned when my mom was going to go. |

3. Questions (5-6)

- Are there any specific reasons why you wanted to go to America?
- What thoughts were going through your mind when you were on the plane to America?
- What thoughts did you have when Touria announced she was going to America and how did you feel about it?
- What were your thoughts when you first came?
- What was the first thing you did when you came?

4. Interview Record

| Subject #1 Name: Touria Questions | Answers/Notes | Quotes |
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| 1. Are there any specific reasons why you wanted to go to America? | 1. She got married in Morocco but Lahsen lived in America. | "The only reason I came was because your dad was living in America" |

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| 2. If you did not get married to him would you stay in morocco? | 3. She would have stayed in Morocco because she already had a good life in morocco. | "No. I did not have anything in the united states so I did not have any reason to go" |
| 3. What were your thoughts when you first came? | She was surprised by the diversity of the culture and people there. | "In Morocco almost everyone has similar skin tone and cultures to each other. When I arrived in bronx I was surprised of the diversity there was and I was happy I could experience the different cultures" |
| 4.What thoughts were going through your mind when you were on the plane to America? | She was Nervous and excited for what her new life in America would be like. | "I was very nervous. I was letting go of everything in Morocco to go to America. But I was also excited to see what new life I would have in America." |

| Subject #2 Name: Lahsen Questions | Answers/Notes | Quotes |
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| Are there any specific reasons why you wanted to go to America? | 1. He never intended to go to America but his brother bought him a plane ticket there and decided to stay in America. | "The only reason I came to America was because of my brother. On my birthday he bought me a plane ticket to check it out and I really liked it there so I decided to stay." |
| How did you sustain yourself in America? | 2.He worked at different jobs in different states before he started his own business in America. | "When I went to America I arrived in oklahoma. Since I was an immigrant and did not know english, I worked as a dishwasher in a restaurant. They treated me horribly there so when I got enough money I went to Miami to work at a hotel. It was rough since I only got paid through tips." |
| Did you face racism when you came to America? | 3. During his time in Oklahoma his co-workers at | "Yes. When I worked as a dishwasher, the owner and co |

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| | the restaurant were racist to him. | workers used to splash the water that had soap and other chemicals purposely into my eye. I also was held at gunpoint once when I was working at a gas station.” |
| How did you get to where you are now? | 4.He saved up enough money from the jobs he worked at to buy an office in Queens to start his travel agency business. | “After I was done in Miami I travelled to New York where I bought an office in Astoria.I was able to start my travel agency successfully.” |

| Subject #3 Name: Fadila Questions | Answers/Notes | Quotes |
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| 1. What was your reaction when touria announced she was getting married and leaving. | She was happy for her to progress in her life but she was sad that she was leaving. | “I was so happy about the fact she was getting married. It was a very exciting moment for me. But I was sad when she announced she was leaving for America as well.” |
| 2. Do you know any other reason why she wanted to go? | To her knowledge she only knows that she wanted to leave because her husband lived in America. | “No. She was not even interested in America before she got married.” |
| 3. Did you want her to stay in Morocco? | She wishes that her husband could get a house in Morocco. | “I wanted her to stay but it was her life and it was her decision to make and I would not stop her.” |
| 4. Do you know where your family comes from? | She said that her mother was arab but her father was a native to America. | “My ancestors were from the middle east and came to North Africa. My mother is white from the arab side and my father is black from his african background.” |