

Family Migration Assignment

Migration is an action that has taken place in our species for millenia. Often humankind has seeked opportunities outside of the place of their origins in a hope of finding a better place for settlement and a place to thrive. This ability to demonstrate situational awareness to leave one's current location and move to another for better opportunity is something that is inherent within the genetic code of the human species.

Directions

In order to better understand the types of migration as are seen in the world today, and the push and pull factors that motivate migration, you will be researching the history of your own family's migration story. With the assistance of your family, you will complete research on the migration of at least three members of your family, going as far back as possible. You will answer the corresponding questions for each section with as much detail as you can possibly provide. This assignment will better aid you on Monday's assignment. Your overall focus will look at the factors that caused your family members to migrate, what factors attracted them in their destinations of migration, and what role the environment played in them leaving their home.

Family Member 1

Family Member's Name: Maria Eva

Historical decade they were alive? The Football War

From where did your family member originate? El Salvador

What was the physical environment like where they were from? Mountainous and a plethora of farm land.

What factors led to them wanting to leave where they were from? There were job opportunities in the US.

Where did your family member settle? Orange County California

Why did they choose where they settled? What attracted them to where they decided to move to and live?

She decided to move there since her sisters already were settled in that area.

Family Member 2

Family Member's Name: Jose Hernandez Vazquez

Historical decade they were alive? The 1970 World Cup held in Mexico

From where did your family member originate? Mexico

What was the physical environment like where they were from? Grew up in the urban parts of the city.

What factors led to them wanting to leave where they were from? He wanted to get to know the world and meet new people.

Where did your family member settle?

Garden Groove, California

Why did they choose where they settled? What attracted them to where they decided to move to and live? The people who helped him immigrate were from that city.

Family Member 3

Family Member's Name: Irma Gladis

Historical decade they were alive? The Salvadoran Civil War

From where did your family member originate? El Salvador

What was the physical environment like where they were from? Mountainous and a plethora of farm land.

What factors led to them wanting to leave where they were from? She wanted to give her already born son a better future.

Where did your family member settle? Riverside, California

Why did they choose where they settled? What attracted them to where they decided to move to and live?

Her sisters had already moved to that area in California.

Reflection

What did you learn about researching the migration stories within your own family?
I learned that many of them went through struggles and hardships to be able to get into this country seeking for a new life and better opportunities. Even though they were strangers to this mostly white, english speaking country, they were able to help each other and learn to live here by working hard.

What were some common themes and elements that you noticed in the stories?
Was there anything that surprised you during this process?

Most of my mother's side of the family wanted to move to the US due to the more advantageous opportunities they couldn't get in their home countries. I was quite surprised that my father was actually doing well economically in Mexico and that he immigrated to the US to seek excitement and travel to a new place completely different from what he was previously used to.