

NAME _____ AP Human Geography

Class pd _____

Immigrant Interview Essay Format/Grade Sheet

TURN THIS IN WITH YOUR ESSAY!

- 1. INTRODUCTION:** Introduce your interviewee to the reader. Who is he/she? How old is he/she? Where did he/she come from? When did he/she immigrate? Why did you choose to interview this person? (1 paragraph) (____/10)
- 2. BODY:** Incorporate the answers to the questions in essay format. Tell this person's experience in the form of a story. (2-3 paragraphs) (____/30)
- 3. CONCLUSION:** Conclude your essay with a geographic analysis of your interviewee's experience. Apply the information and concepts from deBlij/Murphy Ch. 3 and HGIA CH. 4 to your interviewee's experience. What type of migration did your interviewee experience? (voluntary, forced, refugee, etc.) What were the "catalysts" for this migration? How does this migration reinforce or conflict with Ravenstein's laws and the "gravity model"? Was this interviewee part of a larger migration stream discussed in class? (2-3 paragraphs) (____/30)
- 4. STRUCTURE:** Essays should be typed, double-spaced. Grammar, spelling, and punctuation mistakes are minimal. If possible, include memorabilia of this person's life (photos, artifacts, etc.). (____/10)
- 5. INTERVIEW:** All questions answered completely. (____/10)
- 6. MAP:** Draw their path on a map of the world. Include dates, stops, modes of transportation, intervening obstacles, or opportunities. (____/10)
- 7. TOTAL** (____/100)

Interview Questions

Please use these questions in your interview. Feel free to add your own questions.

1. Where and when were you born?
2. What year did you emigrate? When did you arrive in the United States? How old were you?
3. Describe your homeland. What were your house, food, clothing, and life like there? What do you miss about your homeland?
4. Why did you or your family leave your native country? What factors "pushed" or "pulled" you? What experiences did you have in your journey? What obstacles did you overcome?
5. What did you think life in the U.S. would be like? Is your life now different than what you expected?
6. What challenges did you face adjusting to life in the U.S.? Did your eating habits, dress, family relationships, or leisure activities change? How?
7. Have you experienced any type of discrimination in the U.S.? Explain, please.
8. What challenges has learning English created for you? How has your use of your native language changed?
9. What does it mean to be "an American?" Do you feel mostly American, or something else? Can a person be an American and still keep his or her native culture? Why or why not?
10. What laws should the U.S. have towards immigration and immigrants? Should the U.S. be open to all immigrants, or should immigration be limited? Why?
11. What advice would you give to someone thinking of moving to the U.S.?

Please be kind and courteous during the interview and thank the person for their time and willingness to share their experiences.