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**APHG Immigrant Interview Assignment**

Your task is to interview someone who immigrated to the United States. The person must have been old enough when they moved to remember migrating to the United States.The interview will preferably occur face-to-face, but if that is not possible then a phone interview is okay. If you need help finding someone to interview, please see me WELL in advance. ***You may not interview the same person another student has already interviewed.*** Prepare which questions you want to ask prior to the interview. Also, be prepared to ask follow-up questions during the interview, if necessary. Please be respectful during the interview and thank the person for their time and willingness to share their experience. Highlight pull factors in blue and push factors in pink on your final product. Here are some suggested questions; feel free to use these or add to this list of questions in preparation for your interview!

**Immigrant Interview Question Ideas:**

1. Where did you live before you immigrated to the U.S.?
2. Describe your native country. What was your life like there? What do you miss most?
3. What specific circumstances caused you to immigrate?
4. Was it a personal decision or one that someone else made for you?
5. What experiences did you have on your journey? What obstacles did you overcome?
6. What had you heard about the U.S. before you came? What stereotypes/expectations did you have?
7. Were your initial expectations accurate? Can you give me an example?
8. What year/date did you arrive in the U.S.?
9. Did you immigrate alone, or with friends/other family members?
10. Can you share a memorable experience about what it was like, how you were feeling when you first arrived?
11. Was it hard to leave or was it exciting?
12. Did you experience any “culture shock”? Was it hard to adapt? If so, what was challenging? Can you think of a story or experience that will give me an idea?
13. How did you arrive? Method of transportation? What route did you take?
14. What did you have to do in order to become an official citizen?
15. How did you end up in Jacksonville?
16. Did you know anyone here when you arrived?
17. What advice would you give to someone thinking of moving to the U.S.?
18. What laws should the U.S. have towards immigration? Why?

**Immigrant Essay Scoring Rubric:**

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 your interview responses in essay format. Tell this person's experience in the form of a story. Please highlight pull factors in blue and push factors in pink in this section. Keep as brief as possible – only summarize some of the interview questions.

(2-3 paragraphs) (\_\_\_\_/30)

3. **CONCLUSION:** Conclude your essay with a geographic analysis of your interviewee's experience. Apply the

information and concepts from Ch. 3 to your interviewee's experience. Explain which type of migration your interviewee experienced. Explain the "catalysts" for this migration. How does this migration reinforce or conflict with Ravenstein's laws (mention all) and the "gravity model"? Was this interviewee part of a larger migration stream discussed in class?

(2-3 paragraphs) (\_\_\_\_/50)

4. **STRUCTURE: T**yped, double-spaced, print on front/back (if possible). Grammar, spelling & punctuation mistakes are minimal. If possible, you may include memorabilia of this person's life – pictures, artifacts, etc. for extra points. *Rubric stapled to the last page.*  (\_\_\_\_\_/10)

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| I interviewed… |  |
| They are from… |  |
| They immigrated to the United States in (year)… |  |
| They immigrated to the United States because… |  |
| I learned this surprising and/or interesting information… |  |