

IMMIGRATION – RESEARCH FIRST

Use the links provided and learn about immigration in the United States. Remember you are looking to become a citizen. You must educate yourself on the system, the wait times, the economy, jobs, geography, education, crime, etc. before moving. Will you be moving to the U.S. as a legal resident, illegally have to cross to enter, or decide to pursue a different country. If you go elsewhere, you have to still show the steps you followed to become a legal citizen there.

As you research, make notes. Both of things you have learned about immigration and also notes on how the immigration policy relates to your character. You will be submitting the process you took with details. You will be giving the estimated wait time. You will be backing up how you were able to apply for your visa to travel.

_____ will be the person interviewing you to ensure you are telling the truth and nothing but the truth once you have finished the steps you desire to take, if you will be trying to enter legally.

_____ will be the person who detains you and interviews you if you try to enter the country illegally. From there, he/she will decide what to do with you. All depends on the reason you were detained.

No matter the case of the interview, you will want to ensure you have your story straight. Any slip up or change in your story will be automatic denial of application or "freedom".

Interviews will take place throughout the week, in Spanish, and in front of an audience (the class).

Take notes on the sections

- Overview
- USA Gov sites
- Visas and Green Cards
- Immigration helps economy
- Immigration harmful to economy
- Illegal immigration helps economy
- Government could fix immigration
- Taxes and Undocumented Immigrants
- Immigration and Crime
- Immigration and Education
- Stories of Immigrants
- Welcome to the USA
- Poll on Immigration after WW2

Answer these 5 important questions:

- 1) Using the links provided in Visas section, what is the wait time for "Family 1" to get a visa to come to the U.S. if from Mexico? From China?
- 2) How long do you have to be a permanent resident in the U.S. before you can start the naturalization process of becoming a citizen?
- 3) How do illegal immigrants pay taxes? Put in your own words? What other tax do they pay that is not listed in the links?
- 4) Why is the Poll on Immigration after WW2 relevant?
- 5) Could you become a U.S. citizen if you were in the same exact position and family you are, but living in Mexico for example (or any Central American country or Asian country? Explain how or how not.
- 6) Using the pretend person given by your teacher, write a step by step plan how you will arrive to your destination. Even if you cannot come legally, come up with a plan of what you will do. If you can get in legally, you must enter. Otherwise, you can try to enter illegally or enter legally in another country. If you cannot enter legally, you must lay out all the reasons why not.