

# Immigration Research Project

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Chosen Country of Origin \_\_\_\_\_

Many people through the centuries have immigrated to America, some legal and some illegal but in either case they were searching for a dream. They called it the "American Dream." This brings up the question 'Why did people immigrate to America? There were many reasons why people immigrated to America. Some of those reasons were political, others economic, while yet others religious, whatever the case was; the United States became a mosaic of different cultures.

(<http://www.angelfire.com/ns/immigration/>) Immigrants have become an **essential element** in keeping the American economy strong.

For this project your job will be to choose an ethnic group and research their history in terms of their immigration to the United States. We have recommended that you choose an ethnic group that is associated, if possible, with your own background/family so as to give you some connection to your own family history and, for some of you, to provide you with another source for your research.

You will research the following aspects of your ethnic group's migration and compile this information into a scrapbook. *One page should be devoted to each of the following:*

- Cover page (your name & ethnicity chosen)
- A map, picture of country's flag, predominate religion practiced & language spoken.
- Dates of major arrivals to the United States
- Describe reasons for leaving their home country (economic, political, religious pressures)
- Most populous states (aka where did they enter/settle once in US), common professions
- Fun facts (2 pages). Some suggestions,
  - Famous \_\_\_\_\_ (insert ethnic group) Americans
  - Your own family tree (should go back at least to Great-grandparents if possible)
  - Common foods, sports, games, festivals, etc.
- Bibliography- you must cite at least two books on top of any internet sources used in your research (*Peoples of North America* book series is a great resource!)



**ABSOLUTELY NO WIKIPEDIA!**

- ❖ Since you are creating a scrapbook, be sure to include graphics (pictures, charts, etc)! The more personal touches you are able to incorporate, the better.

**Due Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXTRA CREDIT OPPORTUNITY!!!!!!**

On \_\_\_\_\_ bring in a (homemade not store bought) common food from your chosen ethnicity. You must provide us with its recipe, brief write up of its history (why/when it is served), and have enough to serve the entire class (\_\_\_\_\_ students).



Some helpful sites:

<http://www.teacheroz.com/20thcent.htm#immigration>

<http://teacher.scholastic.com/researchtools/researchstarters/immigration/>

<http://www.angelfire.com/ns/immigration/>

<http://nationalhumanitiescenter.org/tserve/nineteen/nkeyinfo/nromcath.htm>

<http://borderbattles.ssrc.org/Hirschman/index2.html>

<http://www.andrew.cmu.edu/user/sc24/immigration.html>