

# Immigrant Interview

## Instructions

For this assignment you are to interview an immigrant, as in someone who was born in another country and moved in their lifetime to the USA. They can be related to you, a friend or a limited acquaintance (friend of a friend).



## Interview Questions

Please use these questions in your interview. Feel free to add your own questions. While these questions are harmless in nature, they may bring up sensitive memories to the interviewee. Let them know that if they do not feel like answering that is ok. Always be courteous and respectful, thanking them for their time.

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 city did you live when you arrived in the US? Why did you/your family choose to live there?
7. What challenges did you face adjusting to life in the U.S.? Did your eating habits, dress, family relationships, or leisure activities change? How?
8. Have you experienced any type of discrimination in the U.S.? Explain, please.
9. Did you know English before coming to the U.S.? What challenges language challenges have you had since living in the US? How has your use of your native language changed?
10. 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?
11. 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?
12. What advice would you give to someone thinking of moving to the U.S.?