

**AP Human Geography - 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Project**  
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The first quarter project is connected to Unit 2: Population and Migration.

You will write a 4 page, double spaced (font 12) paper in which you tell the story and analyze the migration of one of the following:

- a.) a family member....do some family history here. Who was your first ancestor to come to the United States? When did they come? From where? Why? Where did they settle? How did they get here? Who came with them? Etc.
- b.) If you don't feel like it is possible for you to do your research on a family member, you may select a historical figure to do your paper on (i.e. Albert Einstein).
- c.) You may choose a collective/group historical migration such as one of the following:
  - Syrian refugees
  - Mormon pioneers move to the Salt Lake valley in the 1850s
  - the move of Muslims and Hindus after India and Pakistan were partitioned in the 1940s
  - Palestinian refugees
  - Afghan refugees
  - Refugees from North Africa
  - The migration of African Americans to northern cities in the 1920s
  - The Dust Bowl migration of OK and AK farmers to California in the 1930s
  - Zionism and the return of Jews to their Israeli homeland throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century (particularly in the 20s and 30s)
  - Sudan or Angola internal refugees
  - The California gold rush in the 1850s

Your paper should include the following required information:

- 1.) Tell the person's story (this is the reporting part – **15 points**):
  - Who came?
  - From where?
  - Why?
  - When? How old were they?
  - Were they part of a larger movement?
  - What were their life circumstances?
  - How did they travel? How long did it take? How much did it cost? What were the risks?
  - Where did they settle? Why? What was their life like in the new location? Were they accepted? How were they treated? Did they experience hostile attitudes or prejudice? In what ways?
  - Did they plan on staying forever? Why or why not?
  - Did their family come with them or later join them?
  - If theirs was an international move, what obstacles did they have to overcome to get into the new country?

- 2.) The second part of your paper (1-2 pages) will be an analysis of your subject's movement. You will need to read Chapters 3, 4, and 5 of your text book to be able to do this section. In your analysis, be sure to use the technical vocabulary (**35 points**).

Points to consider here include:

- Analyze the push and pull factors. Consider economic, cultural, and environmental pushes and pulls. When explaining the pull factors consider both the country and the specific region within the country your subject settled in.
- Was your immigration a case of expansion diffusion?
- Was it an example of chain migration?
- Is your subject an example of international migration or internal migration? If it is internal, is it interregional or intraregional? Was it forced or voluntary?
- Consider cultural diffusion...How did your subject hold onto aspects of their own culture? What did they pick up from their new culture? Discuss their process of acculturation and assimilation.
- What were intervening obstacles (environmental and political)? How were they overcome?
- E.G. Ravenstein came up with 11 migration laws. On p. 89 of Rubenstein, what did Ravenstein say about the gender and family status in his migration theories? Did your subject fit his generalizations?
- Does your subject fit Wilbur Zelinsky's migration transition/demographic transition model (i.e. stage 2)? Explain.
- Based on your readings and study of migration, could your subject be considered a "typical" immigrant of their time period? Why or why not?
- In your opinion, was your subject's migration worth it? Explain and support your opinion.

Attached to your 4-page paper, you should include the following (**5 points**):

- 1.) at minimum of 3 pictures of your subject
- 2.) a map of the region/country they left behind
- 3.) a map of the region/country where they moved

You must have a minimum of 5 sources and include a works cited page (**5 points**). Your starting point should be chapters 2 and 3 in the Rubenstein text. From there you may want to consider the following sources:

- the U.S. Committee on refugees web site ([www.refugees.org](http://www.refugees.org))
- For stats about immigration to the US: ([www.immigration.gov](http://www.immigration.gov))
- The web sites for Angel and Ellis island
- The United Nations web site
- If doing family research you will conduct family interviews and review family primary documents (journals, letters, etc.)

**Due Date: 10/15**

**Late Due Date: 10/29 (automatic 10% deduction)**