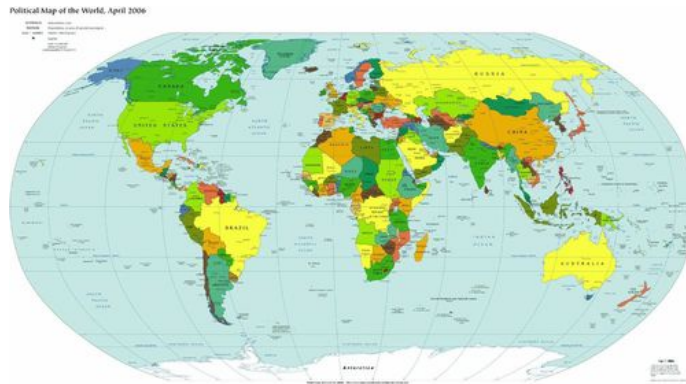


Coming to the U.S.A.

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For many years, people have left their home countries to move to the United States. A person who comes to live in one country after leaving another is called an immigrant.

Many immigrants came to the U.S. to find more work and a better life. Some left their home countries to escape wars. Others hoped the United States would give them more freedom.

People have **immigrated** to the United States from nearly every country in the world. Did you know any relatives who moved to America from someplace else?

Some people came to the U.S. from the continent of Europe. Many people came to America from countries such as Ireland, Norway, Germany, Italy, and Poland. Were any of those people your relatives?

Some people came to the U.S. from the continent of Asia. They left countries such as India, China, Korea, and the Philippines. Was one of your family members among them?

People have also come to the U.S. from South America, Central America, and Africa. Today, people are still immigrating to the U.S. They come from all over the world. Ask your relatives about the history of your family. They may tell you wonderful stories!

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1. What is a person who comes to live in one country after leaving another called?

- A) a relative
- B) a continent
- C) an immigrant

2. What does this article explain?

- A) why people were fighting wars in countries outside the United States
- B) why immigrants came to the United States
- C) how immigrants found work after moving to the United States

3. Read this paragraph from the article.

"Many immigrants came to the U.S. to find more work and a better life. Some left their home countries to escape wars. Others hoped the United States would give them more freedom."

What can you conclude from this paragraph about what immigrants thought life in the United States would be like?

- A) Immigrants thought that life in the United States would be the same as life in their home countries.
- B) Immigrants thought that life in the United States would be worse than life in their home countries.
- C) Immigrants thought that life in the United States would be better than life in their home countries.

4. Read this paragraph from the article.

"Some people came to the U.S. from the continent of Europe. Many people came to America from countries such as Ireland, Norway, Germany, Italy, and Poland. Were any of those people your relatives?"

What can you conclude from this paragraph about Ireland, Norway, Germany, Italy, and Poland?

- A) They are all countries in Europe.
- B) They are all countries in South America.
- C) They are all countries in Asia.

5. What sentence best states the main idea of this article?

- A) "Many people came to America from countries such as Ireland, Norway, Germany, Italy, and Poland."
- B) "People have immigrated to the United States from nearly every country in the world."
- C) "A person who comes to live in one country after leaving another is called an immigrant."

6. Read this paragraph from the article.

"People have immigrated to the United States from nearly every country in the world. Do you know any relatives who moved to America from someplace else?"

Why might the author ask, "Do you know any relatives who moved to America from someplace else?"

- A) to compare immigrants to the United States with people who were born in the United States
- B) to prove that most people have relatives who moved to America from another country
- C) to help readers make a connection with the article

7. Read these sentences from the text.

"Ask your relatives about the history of your family. They may tell you wonderful stories!"

How can these sentences best be combined?

- A) If you ask your relatives about the history of your family, they may tell you wonderful stories!
- B) Until you ask your relatives about the history of your family, they may tell you wonderful stories!
- C) Ask your relatives about the history of your family, but they may tell you wonderful stories!

8. Some people came to the United States from the continent of Europe. What is another continent mentioned in the article that people came to the United States from?

9. What does the author tell readers to ask their relatives about?

10. Imagine that you ask your relatives about the history of your family. You learn that one of them immigrated to the United States from another country. Would that relative be likely to have a wonderful story? Use evidence from the article to explain why or why not.
