

Workshop 1: The New Americans**Extended Project****Interview With an Immigrant**

Why do people leave their native countries to come to America?

Project: Interview an immigrant about his or her experiences.

Procedure

1. Choose someone to interview. Find an interview subject. Choose someone who is interested in talking about his or her family history. Consider the following connections you might have:

- a family member
- a neighbor or friend

If you don't know anyone who is an immigrant, use the Internet to find a list of famous immigrants. Choose someone on the list to research.

2. Write questions. Think of questions that will help you find out details about the person's experience. Here are some examples:

- Where did you come from?
- Why did your family decide to leave?
- How long have you lived in America?
- What was the biggest challenge you faced?
- Are you glad you came?

3. Conduct the interview/Do your research. Write your questions on index cards. Whether you are interviewing someone or researching your subject online, be sure to take good notes.

4. Present. Write your interview in a question-and-answer format. For example:

Your Name: How long have you lived in America?

Subject's Name: For about 10 years.

Write your dialogue or type it on the computer. Share it with your class.