



Ancestor Stories

Immigration: we all came from
somewhere.

Mrs. Stredwick

Hello Families,

We have been studying about immigration. America is the home of immigrants. Except for the Native Americans, we all come from somewhere else in the world. This concept intrigues the children and they are curious about their own family roots.

Next week I will assign a day for your child to share with the class about his/her family history. Use these questions to guide your search. Try to answer as many questions as you can. Explain to your child that this search is like a detective story—we start with questions, look for the clues, and answer what we can answer. Make this fun!

The <http://www.ellisland.org/> and <http://www.ancestry.com/> websites may help some of you in your search.

Where?

1.From what country(ies) did your family immigrate?

2.Show a map of the country and where in the world it is in relation to America.

Who?

3.Who in your family came first to America?

4.How is this person related to you?

5.Show a picture of this person.

When?

6.What was the date of the arrival to America?

Why?

7.Why did they leave their homeland?

8.What was happening in history that may have encouraged them going to America?

How?

9.How did they enter—land, boat, etc.

10.At what place in America did they enter?

11.Where did they settle?

12.How did they make a living?

What?

13.What parts of the homeland culture does your family continue?

A perfect score would be 13.

I will assign a day next week for your child to share what they can find based on their classroom address.

Monday: Team 1,2 Tuesday: Team 3,4 Thursday: Team 5,6 Friday: Team 7,8

Listen for the stories that surround you. What "trails" brought you here? Enjoy the journeys!

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