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*Research Paper**Immigration: Myths and Realities*

Immigration remains controversial as the U.S. grapples with how and whether to integrate or exclude millions of undocumented immigrants. One reason that immigration reform does not pass is that politicians, and people, do not agree on a solution—in part because they have very different beliefs about immigrants and their effect on the U.S. Some of these beliefs are actually not supported by facts or research; they are myths.

Due dates:

- _____ Library Visit: Electronic Classroom
- _____ Outline and 3 sources due at end of library session to teacher: done during session
- _____ Interview due, based on Family Migration worksheet: typed double spaced
(not just answers to the questions on the handout)
- _____ Library visit: reference room
- _____ 3 pages draft due to teacher
- _____ Works Cited page due to teacher
- _____ Draft workshop #1: bring 2 copies – 4 + pages (If missed, final paper will be one grade less)
- _____ Draft workshop #2: bring 2 copies – 8+ pages (If missed, final paper will be one grade less)
- _____ Final version with all worksheets & drafts due, along with Works Cited Page & Appendices
- _____ Presentations (You must attend all presentations, not just your own.)

The purpose of this paper is for you to explore the complexities of this issue by examining three myths about immigration—explaining where the myths come from and showing that they are, in fact, not true. Or if you wish to argue the other side, that they are not myths and are true, you may do so. You will need to find strong, credible sources of information to show the myths are not true—and look also for sources that document how and where these myths are perpetuated.

Format:

- 8-10 pages, typed double-spaced
- Works Cited page and any supplementary material in an appendix are not included in length.
- Specific topics: instructor must okay it.
- Papers must follow MLA style (see your style guide.)
- Use the parenthetical () rather than the “Footnote” form of citation. (You are also using a works cited page.) You can use any of the readings assigned for class as well.

Your paper must include:

- At least eight sources located from the library’s research service
- Three sources from the Library’s reference room, including one encyclopedia
- At least three references to articles from periodicals which have appeared in print somewhere other than the internet. It may be that all or most of your sources are periodicals.
- The personal story of the first family member of yours coming to California may serve as an introduction to readers and listeners to the topic of immigration. Attach the results of the interview and attach as an appendix, at the end of your paper, after the Works Cited Page. Let me know if you do not wish to use the interview.
- Draw a conclusion about your findings. What have you learned? What recommendations do you have?

(part of a Works Cited Page—note the formatting)

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