

Immigration Research Project

Assignment:

1.) **Part One-** You are to talk with someone about his or her family history; specifically how his or her family arrived in the United States. If possible, speak to one of your parents or relatives about *your* heritage. If this is not feasible, find a friend, teacher, or see me for ideas.

2.) **Part Two-** Write a two to three page essay describing your family's immigration to the United States.

Take notes when you are interviewing your source. Try and establish answers to the following questions in order to better describe the immigration process and the results.

(Note 1: You may need to do some research following the interview to better comprehend and present some of the information your source revealed. For instance, if your source mentions that your family immigrated during the Boxer Rebellion, Depression or Civil War your must find the years and basic circumstances of these events.)

(Note 2: If you are uncomfortable about discussing the immigration of your family please see me immediately for ways to alter the assignment.)

- 1.) When did the family move (approximately)?
- 2.) From where did the family move?
- 3.) What factors influenced the decision to move?
- 4.) Did all of the family members move at once?
- 5.) Where did the family arrive in the United States?
- 6.) What problems did your family face when they arrived in the United States?
- 7.) Are there any interesting stories about your family's immigration?
- 8.) What did your family do for a living in America after they arrived?
- 9.) When and why did your family come to the Santa Clara Valley?
- 10) What family traditions are kept alive today? Examples: food, celebrations, stories, nicknames, etc.

Structure:

1.) **Cover Page:** A non-lined paper should be used for the cover of your project. This information should be contained on the cover.

- a.) Flags of the countries from which your relatives originated. You can draw them or print them out.
- b.) Your family name
- c.) Your name (in small print in the lower right hand corner)

2.) **Introductory Page:** Make a creative family tree of your family. Try and go back at least four generations including yourself (list your place of birth too).

3.) **Body of the Report:** There should be enough information should for two pages. The report must be typed. Write a coherent *essay* of your family's background (it cannot be just one word answers to the questions).

4.) **Speech:** You will give a speech (3 minutes or less) recapping the main things you learned when doing this project, if it helped you consider your identity (and how) and the “most interesting thing you learned.”

You may get more than 100% on the project if you spend significant time on these three parts.