**World Geography Pre-AP Assignment**

**Personal & Family Migration Stories**

It is a truism that the United States is a country of immigrants, whether from Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries, or from Latin America, Asia and Africa in the late 20th and early 21st centuries. Human migration is a major theme of this course-and not simply memorizing what people went where, but analyzing the reasons (called push and pull factors) that cause people to move long distances, and what impact these migrations have on all places involved, and the world in general.

In that spirit, rather than simply memorizing a bunch of vocabulary, I want you to tell the story of your own family’s migration from wherever to the current town you find yourself living in. You can either speak from personal experiences (if you came to this country during your life), or speak with family members to help you answer. Below are some prompts to guide your story.

\*No less than 1 page- but feel free to write as much as you like.

\*12 Point font, double spaced, Times New Roman

1. **From what country did your family originate?**
2. **When did the migration take place (what year-approximately)?**
3. **For what reasons did the migration take place? What were the push factors (economic reasons, political/cultural reasons, etc.)?**
4. **What were the pull factors to the U.S. specifically? In other words, for whatever reason they left their country, why did they end up in the United States and not Canada, for example?**
5. **Why did they come directly to the United States, or migrate elsewhere first?**
6. **Did they come directly to the United States, or migrate elsewhere first?**
7. **By what means did they migrate (plane, boat, on foot, etc.)**
8. **Did they (or you) face any challenges when they (or you) reached the new destination? If so, what were the challenges? (Language barriers, job opportunities, attitudes towards immigrants, etc.)?**

\*These are just prompts to get you started-I want the page written in a fluid, essay like format. In other words, don’t list 1, 2, 3, 4, etc.