

Migration Poetry Writing Project

Think of an event or memory from your life or family history related to migration—the journey (for example, a time you moved to a new home or school, your grandparents’ stories about moving to this country ,or a new state, meeting someone who moved from a different state).

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What biographical information about you is important or related to this issue?

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What historical context is important to this event or memory—perhaps push or pull factors?

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How does your event relate to migration (reception, reaction, adjustment, assistance, assimilation)?

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List at least 3 emotions that are attached to this event.

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Write a brief sentence that describes what caused each of these emotions.

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Why is this event worthwhile for other people to know about? What larger message does this event show/teach?

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Now, write this memory or event in a poem form. It should be at least 10 lines long. Be sure to include

