**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).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

biographical and historical details that help the reader understand the moment. Use emotionally packed words to help the reader understand and "see" the emotions of this memory. It does not need to rhyme!!

Finally, write a brief biography that introduces you to the reader, including relevant historical/ biographical details the audience needs to know to understand your poem and message. Jot some ideas here, but use your own paper when you write.