

Exploring the Essential Question

How does migration affect the lives of people and the character of places?

In Chapter 8, you explored why people immigrate. Now you will use what you learned. Use the passage below and your knowledge of geography to complete this task.

The “Lost Boys of Sudan”

Cousins Michael Mach Paul and Abraham Anyieth were 6 and 7 when they fled their burning village in 1987. A brutal war in their homeland, the African country of Sudan, had left the boys without homes or families.

The cousins became part of a group of refugees known as the “Lost Boys of Sudan.” The boys walked for hundreds of miles in search of safety. Many died of hunger and thirst along the way. Those who survived finally reached a refugee camp in the country of Kenya.

In 2001, some of the “Lost Boys” began another long journey. This one took them to the United States. Here they were safe and had enough to eat. Still, adjusting to life in a new land was hard. At first they were homesick. They also had much to learn. They had never shopped for food. They had never seen a stove or a microwave. Nor had they experienced cold winters.

In 2005, the cousins began a new walk together. This time, it was across a stage to receive degrees from a community college in Pennsylvania. They had faced many challenges to get here. One was learning how to type. “The professor said our papers had to be typed or we would fail,” Anyieth recalls. “I came from a village with no electricity, no telephone. I had never seen a computer before. It took me five hours to type my first page.” But the cousins are used to overcoming challenges. As Paul told a reporter, “Nothing could ever be as hard as what we’ve been through.”

The Task: Summarizing an Immigrant Experience

The passage above is about two refugees from Sudan. Your task is to summarize how immigration has changed their lives.

Step 1: Read the passage. Circle two details that describe the boys’ lives in Africa. Underline two details about their lives in the United States.

Step 2: Write a paragraph that summarizes how coming to the United States changed the lives of these two “Lost Boys.” Include the following in your summary:

- A. a topic sentence that introduces your subject
- B. details about the refugees’ lives in Africa and the United States
- C. a conclusion that summarizes how immigration changed their lives

Writing Tips: Creating Topic Sentences

A topic sentence should tell what your paragraph is about. Often you can create a topic sentence by restating the writing prompt.

Prompt: *Write a paragraph that summarizes how coming to the United States changed these two “Lost Boys.”*

Topic sentence: *The lives of two of Sudan’s “Lost Boys” changed dramatically when they came to the United States.*

Test Terms Glossary

To **summarize** means to briefly present the main points.