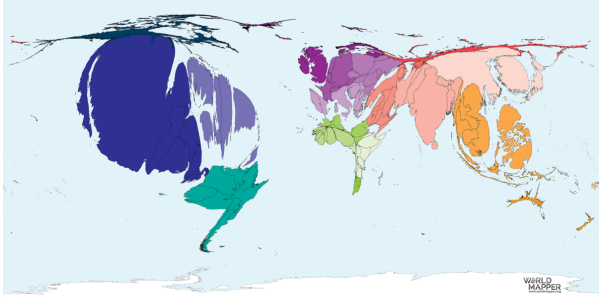


Text Set Title: Migration as a Form of Resistance and Hope

Creator: Agnes Zapata

Overview of Text Set: This text set aims to provide resources that show the different ways in which migration can be seen as an act of resistance against systems of oppression and the different ways in which migration can provide hope in the darkest of times. This text set will highlight the people and communities from a variety of cultures and perspectives and how they have used migration to resist oppression and build hope. By examining migration through this lens, students and teachers will hopefully be inspired seeing that migration is a beautiful, powerful, and natural movement.

Essential Question: Can we use migration to resist systems of oppression? Can migrating build hope when the world around us seems to be falling apart?

Maps	
	<p>Migration Maps By Wordmapper</p> <p>See the world's data in maps. Filter the map by category. Under people, find migration to see different migration patterns around the world in various timespans.</p> <p>https://worldmapper.org/maps/?_sft_product_cat=migration</p>

Articles	
	<p>“Do you Speak Mam? The Growth of Oakland’s Guatemalan Community” by Farida Jhabvala Romero (2019) KQED</p> <p>This article discusses the wave of migration from Guatemala to Oakland. It highlights how Guatemalan immigrants</p>

have created a community in Oakland through the language of Mam.

<https://www.kqed.org/news/11763374/do-you-speak-mam-growth-of-oaklands-guatemalan-community-sparks-interest-in-indigenous-language>



The Long-Lasting Legacy of the Great Migration

By Isabel Wilkerson (2016)
Smithsonian Magazine

This article highlights the migration of African Americans from the South to the North and West in hopes for a better life. It also discusses how they shaped the nation even up until present times.

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/long-lasting-legacy-great-migration-180960118/>



With War Back Home, Yemeni Immigrants Deepen Roots in US

By Jeff Karoub, Associated Press (2018)
The Christian Science Monitor

This article discusses how Yemeni immigrants are making a new life for themselves in the United States by opening up new businesses like coffee shops.

<https://www.csmonitor.com/USA/Society/2018/0305/With-war-back-home-Yemeni-immigrants-deepen-roots-in-US>



History of Hispanic Culture in Fruitvale
By Azucena Rasilla (2019)
Visit Oakland

This article highlights the development of Oakland's Latinx community in the Fruitvale neighborhood of Oakland.

<https://www.visitoakland.com/blog/post/history-of-hispanic-culture-in-fruitvale/>



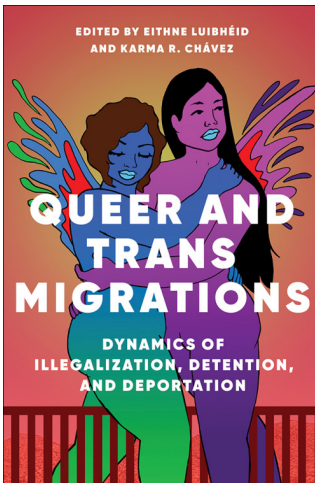
Most Native Americans Live in Cities, Not Reservations. Here are Their Stories.

By Joe Whittle (2017)
The Guardian

This article spotlights the profiles of different Native Americans who have moved into Urban areas. The story of Patricia St. Onge highlights her movement into Oakland in the hopes of a better life.

<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2017/sep/04/native-americans-stories-california>

Books

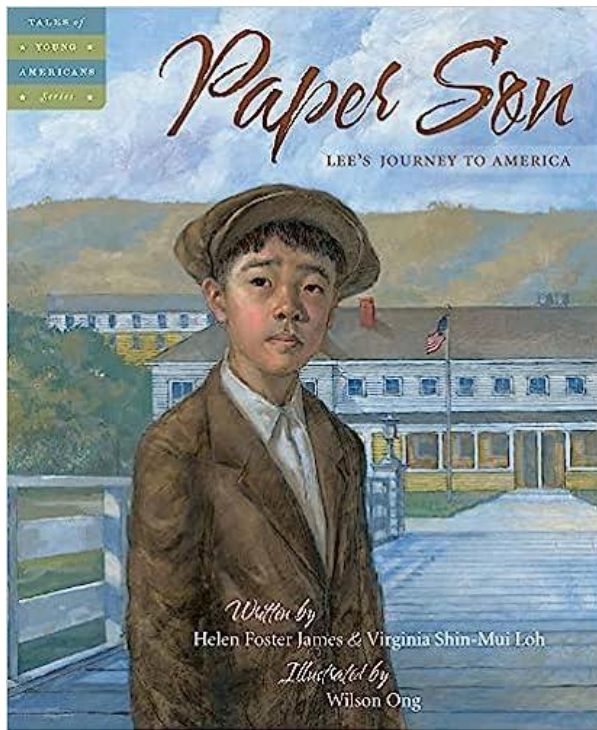


Queer and Trans Migrations: Dynamics of Illegalization, Detention, and Deportation

Edited by Eithne Luibheid and Karma R. Chavez (2020)

This book gathers a variety of perspectives from queer and trans migration studies. It highlights both LGBTQ migrants' struggles as well as ways they resist.

<https://www.press.uillinois.edu/books/?id=p085239>



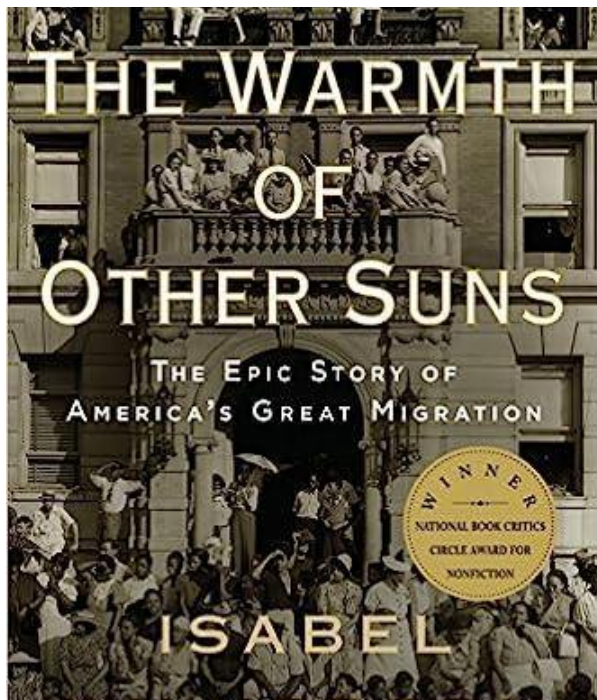
Paper Son

Written by Helen Foster James and Virginia Shin-Mui Loh

Illustrated by Wilson Ong (2013)

This book chronicles the journey of a young boy who becomes a paper son migrating from China to the United States in the hopes of improving his life as well as the life of his family.

https://www.amazon.com/Paper-Son-Journey-America-Americans/dp/1585368334/ref=sr_1_2?crid=2TUIW241PRA8O&keywords=paper+son+tyrus+wong&qid=1689806237&s=books&sprefix=paper+son+tyrus+wong%2Cstrip+books%2C128&sr=1-2

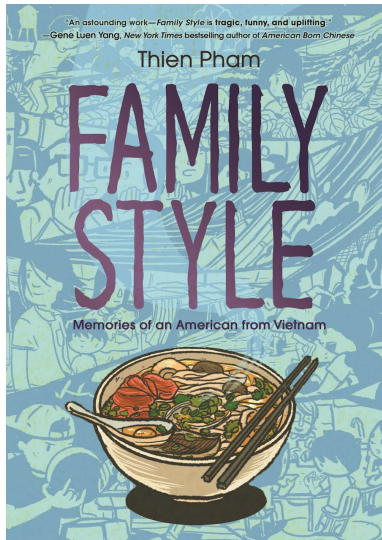


The Warmth of Other Suns

By Isabel Wilkerson (2011)

This book chronicles the lives of three individuals who migrated to escape the racism of the South in the hopes of finding opportunity and success in the North and the West.

<https://www.amazon.com/Warmth-Other-Suns-Americas-Migration/dp/0679763880>



Family Style
By Their Pham (2023)

This young adult graphic memoir follows the journey of a young immigrant from Vietnam to the United States. The text highlights how food becomes an important part of his migration journey.

<https://us.macmillan.com/books/9781250809728/familystyle>

Videos/Multimedia



Storycenter

Storycenter's youtube channel includes digital storytelling about different immigrant journeys as well as how different groups of migrants build solidarity and hope with each other.

<https://www.youtube.com/@StoryCenter/search>



What is the Great Migration? Ma Rainey's Black Bottom

Netflix: Behind the Streams (2021)

This Youtube video from Netflix gives some of the historical context around Ma Rainey's Black Bottom. The video focuses on the Great Migration in which Ma Rainey's story occurs as Ma Rainey has migrated from the South to Chicago in pursuit of her musical career.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=buT3uWuLnag>



Isabel Wilkerson: The Great Migration and the Power of a Single Decision
Ted Talks, Re-imagining Migration

This Ted Talk features Isabel Wilkerson who explores the journeys, motives, and consequences of the six million African Americans who left for the South to the North and West in search for a better life.

<https://reimaginingmigration.org/the-great-migration-and-the-power-of-a-single-decision/>



From Our Family to Yours
Pixar Disney (2021)

This Pixar short depicts the connection across generations between a granddaughter and her immigrant grandmother.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NeNHUrA34U>



Wind
Pixar Disney (2019)

This animated short is a metaphor for immigration as it highlights the sacrifices a grandmother makes for her grandson.

<https://abc7news.com/pixar-wind-new-movie-what-is-pixars-about/5753299/>

Art



The Migration Series

By Jacob Lawrence (1941)

This collection of panels chronicles images of the Great Migration as depicted by artist Jacob Lawrence. Each panel contains a brief caption describing the imagery and each step of the journey.

<https://lawrencemigration.phillipscollection.org/the-migration-series>



The Warmth of Other Suns 2020

By Bisa Butler (2020)

Bisa Butler imagines the Great Migration in a larger than life colorful quilt.

<https://www.bisabutler.com/current-exhibitions>



The Latino History Project

Oakland Museum of California

This project pairs youth with professional historians to interview elders and gather primary sources to chronicle the history of the Latinx community in the Bay Area and Oakland.

<https://explore.museumca.org/LHP/overview.htm>



Undocumented Heart: Oakland Day Laborers Tell Their Stories
Peralta Hacienda Historical Park

This exhibition explores the journey of Oakland's undocumented workers as they migrate from Mexico and Central America. It highlights the challenges and difficulties they face on their journey but also the hopes and dreams they have in their migration story.

<http://www.peraltahacienda.org/pages/main.php?pageid=123&pagecategory=7>



Immigration/Migration Art
By Favianna Rodriguez

Oakland based artist Favianna Rodriguez's art on migration highlights migration as beautiful, powerful, and natural through colorful images often of the monarch butterfly, a symbol of migration in nature.

<https://favianna.com/artworks/?q=&tags=immigration+%2F+migration>