

Text set title: People Who Migrate and Why: Understanding the History of Migration Around the World and People Who Migrate Today.

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Objective of the text set: I have created a text set in order to support a unit on identity and culture. I also want to prepare for newcomers arriving this year. This set is designed for 6th grade. Through this text set, we will explore and come to learn that people who migrate are more alike than different. We will look at how the media portrays immigrants. We will begin to understand the struggles refugees face and acknowledge each other's experiences to get to where we are today. We will start with defining migrants, refugees and immigrants and journey through stories from the past as well as today, from all around the world. I hope to expand our classroom learning beyond the Latino experience. I believe we need to "look out a window" to better understand other cultures like Africa, Asia and the Middle East.

Essential Questions: Why do people move? What are our perceptions of immigrants? What is a migrant? What is a refugee?

1. How is the media presenting immigrants? What is their motivation?
2. Do humans have a right to live where they please? Why do we have borders? Walls?
3. Why do people protest against immigrants coming to America?
4. How do immigrants help our society? Do you have a story like you read about in class?
5. What can we do to help refugees and asylum seekers who arrive to the Chicago area?
6. What is the Reparation Act? Could that happen today?
7. Who was on this land of the United States first? What do we know about their migration?

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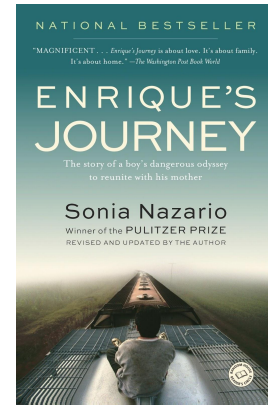
Mexico and Central America



Enrique's Journey YA version by Sonia Nazario, 2006

Enrique traveled, risking his life, from Honduras to the US via "la bestia" in search of his mother, leaving behind a dangerous life.

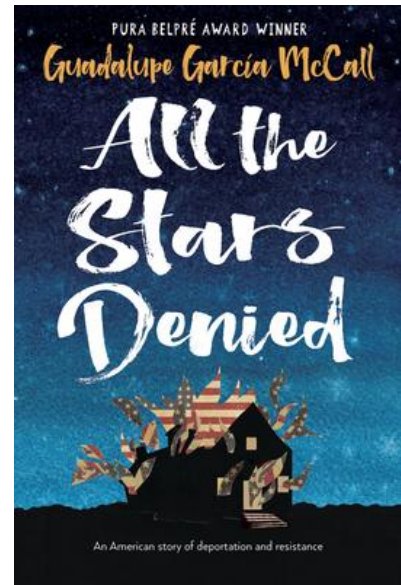
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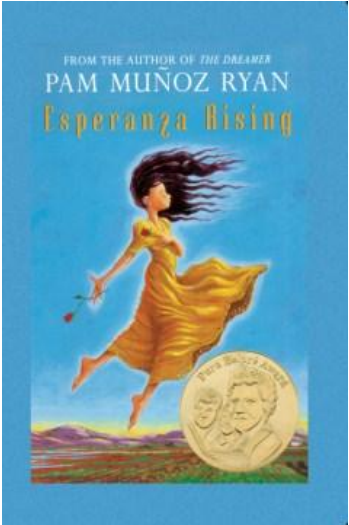


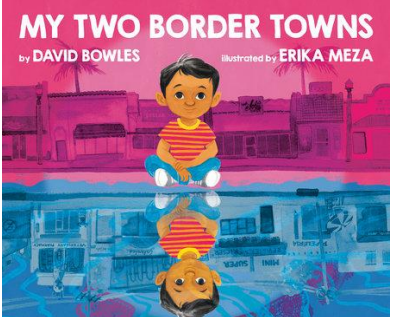

All the Stars Denied Guadalupe Garcia McCall, 2018


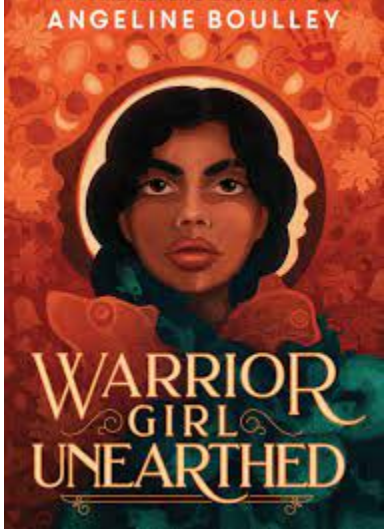
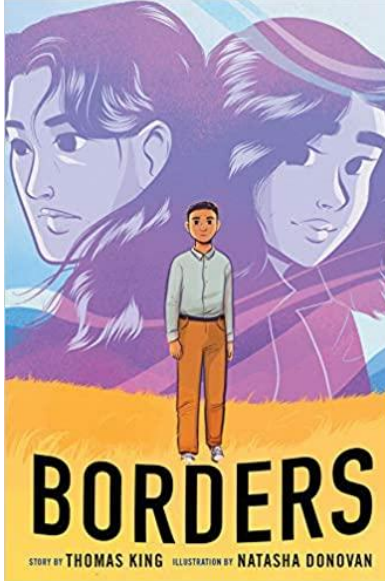
A story of reparation and how a family struggles before, during and after being deported to Mexico even though they are American citizens.

YA Novel




<p>The Land of the Cranes by Aida Salazar, 2020</p> <p>This book of poetry is set in a detention center and is about holding onto hope.</p>	<p>Picture Poetry</p>	
<p>Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz, 2000</p> <p>Esperanza is forced to leave a comfortable life in Mexico for the US where life is much more difficult for her,</p>	<p>YA Novel</p>	
<p>Areli is a Dreamer by Areli Morales, 2021</p> <p>Picture book read aloud in this video by a DACA Dreamer who tells her own story of immigration to the US.</p>	<p>Video</p>	<p>https://youtu.be/zwr7SfQgX0s areli is a dreamer</p>

<p>Escucha Mi Voz/Hear My Voice stories compiled by Warren Binford, 2021</p> <p>Children from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, Ecuador, and Mexico tell their stories of being detained at the US-Mexico border.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	
<p>Pancho Rabbit and the Coyote by Duncan Tonatiuh, 2013</p> <p>Pancho tries to find his father who left for the US. He gets help from a coyote, or so he thinks.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	
<p>The Two Border Towns by David Bowles, 2021</p> <p>A story about a boy who feels at home in the US as well as Mexico, crossing the border is a way for him to see family.</p>	<p>Picture book</p>	
<p>Still Dreaming by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez, 2023</p> <p>A picture book that recounts the Reparation Act of Mexican Americans during the 1930s</p>	<p>Picture book</p>	

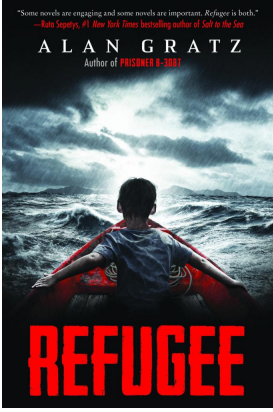
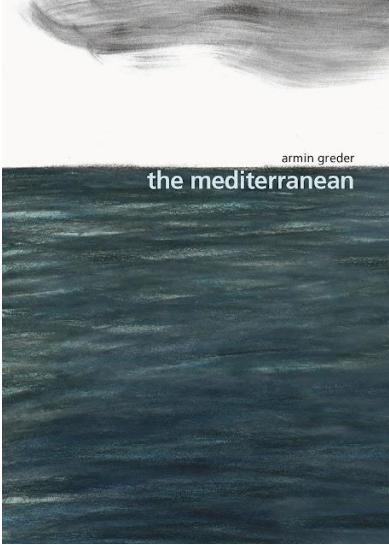
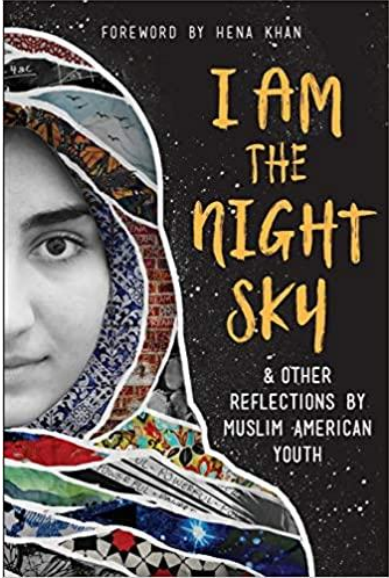
		
<p>Native Americans</p>		
<p>The Warrior Girl Unearthed by Angeline Boulley, 2023</p> <p>Perry is a Native American girl who discovers native properties are being housed in places that are not within the tribal lands.</p>	<p>YA Novel</p>	
<p>Borders by Thomas King, 2021</p> <p>Written by an indigenous author, about a boy and his mom crossing the Canadian border as citizens of their native nation.</p>	<p>Graphic Novel</p>	
<p>Non Fiction Resources</p>		

<p>Who are Refugees and Migrants? What Makes People Leave Their Homes? Michael Rosen, 2016</p> <p>This book is about the history of refugees and migration globally and how wars and conflict are constantly a threat to homes.</p>	<p>Non fiction</p>	
<p>Open Borders: The Science and Ethics of Human Migration by Bryan Caplan, 2019</p> <p>This video is based on a nonfiction graphic novel that presents an argument for the economic and ethical arguments for open borders.</p>	<p>Video/Book</p> <p> Open Borders: The Sci...</p>	
<p>Waiting Place: When Home is Lost and a New One Not Yet Found Dina Nayeri, 2022</p> <p>The stories of 10 children in a refugee camp in Greece.</p>	<p>Memoirs</p>	
<p>This Land is Our Land: A History of American Immigration by Linda Osborne 2018</p> <p>The government policies and public responses towards immigrants from 1800-1965</p>	<p>History</p>	
<p>Immigration stories</p>	<p>Website</p>	

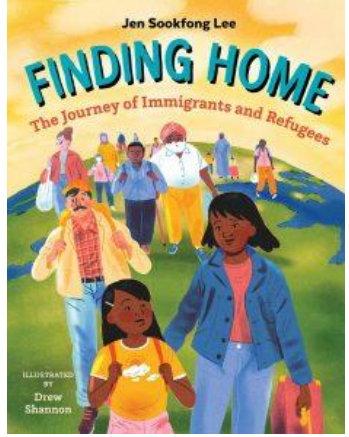
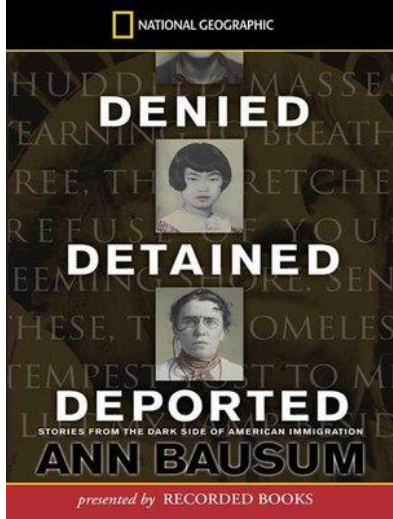

<p>Teacher resource to help tell our stories</p>	<p>https://latino.si.edu/exhibitions/presente/historical-legacies</p>	
<p>I Learn America</p> <p>Link to resources and movie for teachers</p>	<p>https://ilearnamerica.com/watch/</p>	

<p>Africa</p>		
<p>When Stars are Scattered by Victoria Jamieson and Omar Mohamed</p> <p>Omar has to move to a refugee camp because his town is attacked. He takes care of his little brother and goes to school. Later they are sent to the US.</p>	<p>Graphic Novel</p>	

<p>How Dare the Sun Rise by Sandra Uwiringiyimana, 2018</p> <p>A personal story about a girl who grew up with war in her everyday life. She was almost killed in a refugee camp. Her family later is chosen to seek asylum in the US.</p>	<p>Memoir</p>	
<p>The Red Pencil by Andrea Davis Pinkney, 2014</p> <p>A Sudanese girl wants to go to school. She uses art to cope with her reality.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	
<p>Middle East</p>		

<p>Refugee by Alan Gratz, 2018</p> <p>A novel with 3 children fleeing their homes from different parts of the world at different times.</p> <p>Middle East, Europe, Cuba, US</p>	<p>YA Novel</p>	
<p>Mediterranean by Armin Greder, 2018</p> <p>A picture book about the stark journey of refugees who crossed this body of water in search of safety.</p>	<p>Picturebook</p>	
<p>I am the Night Sky by Muslim American Youth, 2019</p> <p>Young people write about what it is like to be Muslim in America.</p>	<p>Memoirs</p>	

<p>Escape from Aleppo by H H Sendai, 2018</p> <p>A coming of age story set in the Syrian war.</p>	<p>YA Novel</p>	
<p>The Unwanted by Don Brown 2018</p> <p>A heartbreaking and hopeful story of Syrian refugees</p>	<p>Graphic Novel</p>	
<p>China/Japan</p>		

<p>Finding Home: The Journey of Immigrants and Refugees by Jen Sookfong Lee 2021</p> <p>This book asks why people are pulled away from their homes, including Chinese railroad workers in North America.</p>	<p>Picture Book</p>	
<p>Denied, Detained, Deported: Stories from the Dark Side of American Immigration by Ann Bausum, 2019</p> <p>The Dark Side of the history of immigration in America.</p>	<p>History</p>	
<p>Ukraine/Russia/Europe</p>		
<p>https://www.nbcnews.com/politics/immigration/71000-ukrainians-arrived-us-marc-h-rcna34980</p>	<p>Online news</p>	

The Wall in the Middle of the Book by Jon Agee 2018

A picture book about a knight who thinks his side of the wall is safe.

Picture Book



Children of Our World: Refugees and Migrants by Ceri Roberts, 2017

This book is about the latest news topics presented in a kid friendly way.

Picture Book

