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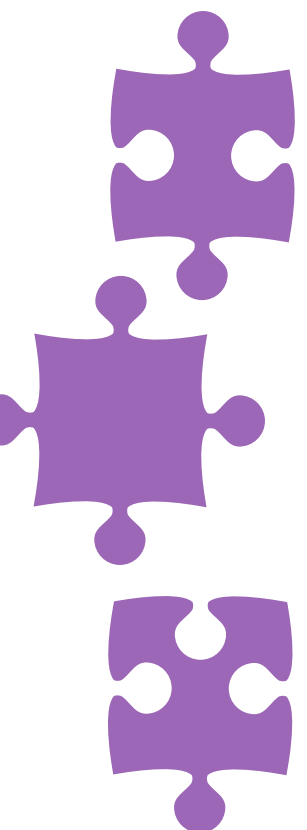
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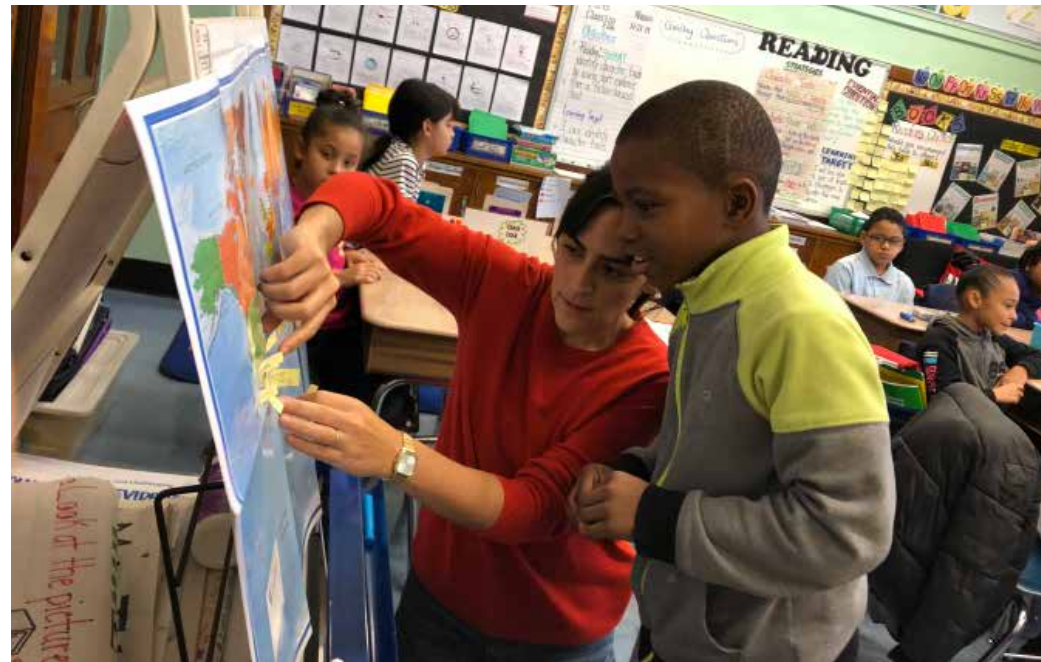


ART BY LATEE



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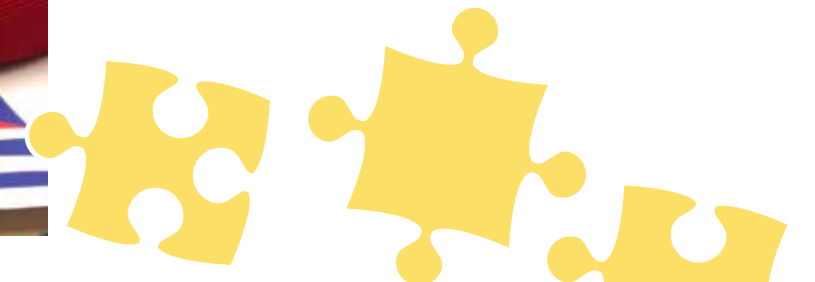
Why do people leave their homes? The students of Class 3-201 and 3-206 set out to answer this as they explored the topic of immigration. The students first met Cecilia Ruíz, author and illustrator of *A Gift From Abuela*, a book inspired by her own experiences. *A Gift from Abuela* celebrates the loving relationship between a young girl and her abuela, brought to life with vibrant illustrations of Mexico City. Even though the story takes place in Mexico, the class found many similarities across the cultures. On a large world map, Cecilia had everyone identify where their families came from originally and discovered how many families came from other places. She helped the class make a Mexican craft called papel picado by cutting shapes of paper to use as decoration. Students then worked with Behind the Book research coaches to learn about the reasons people immigrate. Through the stories of young immigrants, they discovered



that people leave their countries to seek a better life, reunite with family, continue their education, or escape danger. Sometimes it is a combination of reasons. They also learned how much the cultures, traditions, and celebrations of other countries enrich life in America. The class visited La Morada Mexican Restaurant to try authentic Oaxacan food. The owners, Natalia Mendez and Antonio Saavedra, and their children, opened a restaurant that serves delicious food and provides a safe space for people in the community. Carolina and Marco Saavedra shared some of the challenges immigrants face and ways we can make everyone feel welcome. Working with Behind the Book teaching artist Barbara Coccioletti,



the students made puzzle pieces representing parts of their life that come from other countries and cultures, along with pieces representing their own American culture. We hope you enjoy this collection of writing and art that celebrates the diversity of our country. As one student exclaimed, "We all are immigrants!"



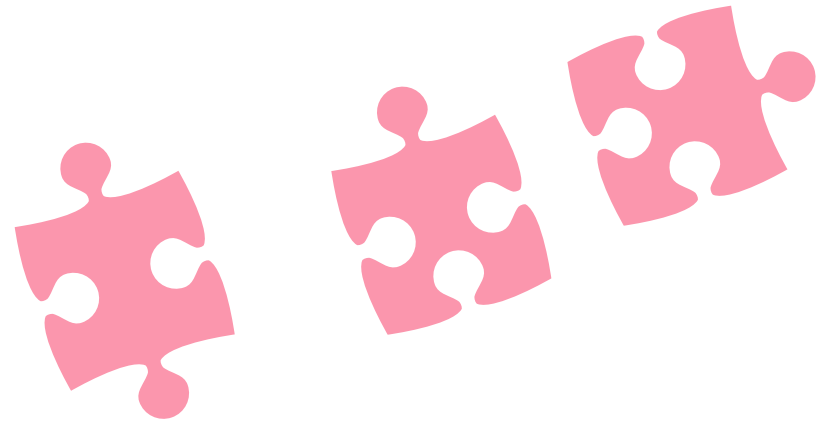


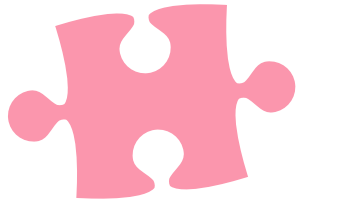
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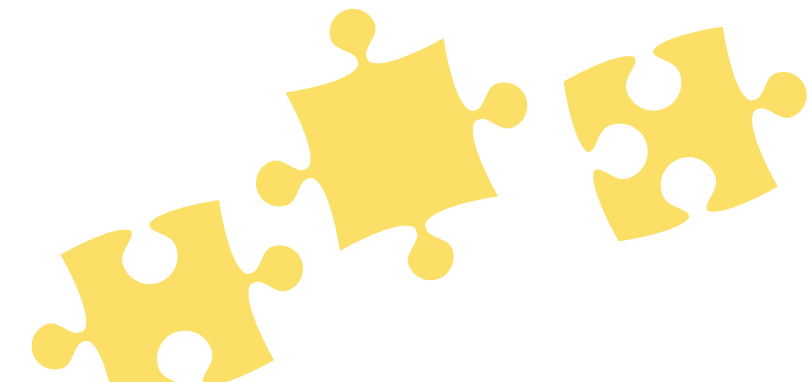
All About Immigrants

DELILAH



Why do you immigrate from your country? Do you know why people sometimes move from their country? Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. Immigrants celebrate different celebrations like lighting candles on Christmas. People celebrate many kinds of holidays on earth. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. They share hair styles by making braids and Box braids. They also share ponytail braids. They share their foods by a mexican restaurant called La Morada me and my classmates ate black beans, yellow rice, and guacamole. Me and my classmates heard alot about the Mexican family. We heard that they came from one place to another because they are trying to make a better life.

Again immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas and share their culture.

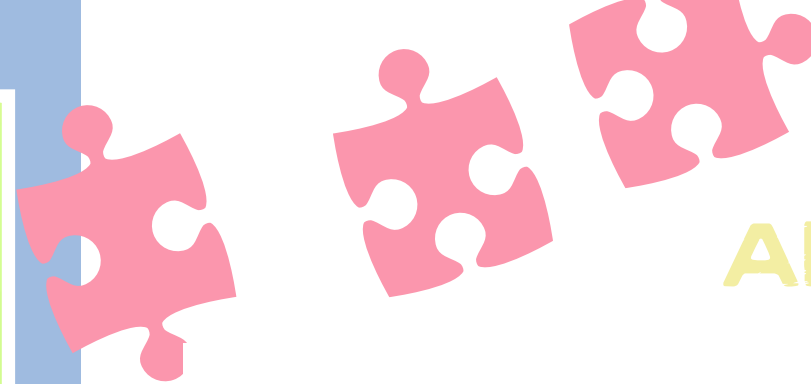


All About Immigrants

SHANNELLY

Immigrants travel to a different country to have a better life. My mom is an immigrant from Dominican Republic. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. They share their art work. Like for example their paintings from their country. They also share their language. For example they teach people how to speak their language. I had a field trip with my class to La Morada. They share their food like rice and beans, guacamole made up of avocado. In conclusion, immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. I have learned many things about immigrants. People learn how to cook different food like Mexican food and many others. I have a friend. Her name is Brianna. She is also an immigrant. She teaches people how to dance their dance in Honduras. I liked dancing with her.





All About Immigrants

YETSENELY



Have you ever met an immigrant? An immigrant is a person who travels. Immigrants make our country better by building new relationships with our country. They also share new ideas with our country.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their new ideas. Immigrants share their foods and recipes. They share foods and recipes by making a restaurant like Marcos family opened a restaurant called La Morada. At La Morada we ate some Mexican food. At La Morada Marco was talking about some struggles in Mexico. One struggle was that when they were in 3rd or 4th grade they had to leave school and start working. Mexican people eat pan dulce in Mexico and Mexican people also eat pan dulce with coffee. Pan dulce is sweet bread.

Immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships with others. Enrich means to make our country better. Immigrants get to know other people in our country by talking and meeting them. We can make immigrants feel welcomed by giving them food because they might be hungry.

To conclude, immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas and building new relationships. I have learned many things about immigrants.



JAYDEN C.

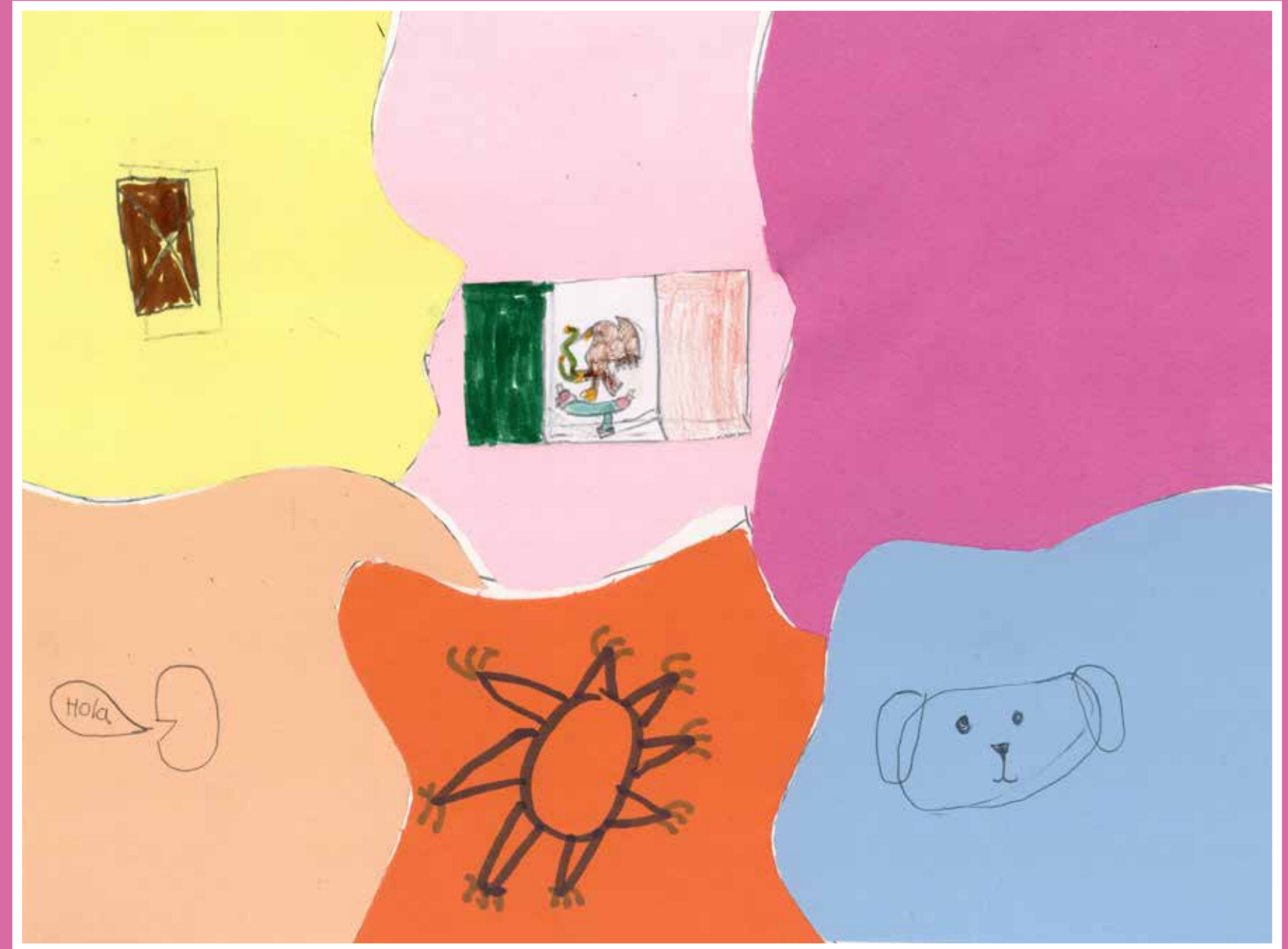


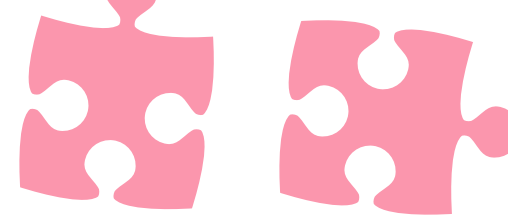
Do you know why immigrants travel? Immigrants enrich us by building new relationships. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture too.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Different immigrants share different holidays like in Mexico they celebrate Day of the Dead. When I went to a place called La Morada, we ate authentic food from Mexico. They brought it to us to know what they eat from their culture in Mexico. They also can teach us a new language like I'm from Mexico and I teach my friend the language I speak so now they know how to speak two languages. I know that in different cultures they draw different art. Like in the place called La Morada the art was different than USA.

Immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships with others. Do you know what enrich means? Enrich means to make a place better. Someone came to your community from a different community. It's better because new people come and you don't know them. Then they bring new things that people don't know. If you see someone and get lost show them to know where they are going. When a person gets lost and my mom helps an old woman to go to the airport to go on the plane to Mexico.

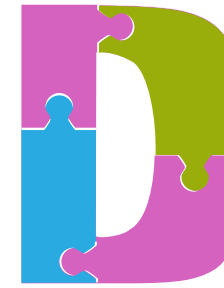
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KIARA



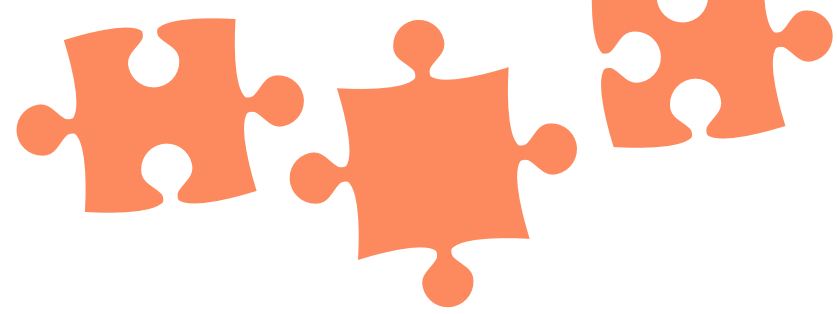
Did you know that people that go to another country are immigrants? Immigrants enrich our country by making and bringing new things to other countries. Immigrants build new relationships with people. They also enrich our country by sharing new ideas.

Immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships. Like my teacher is from the Philippines. She made a bond with us and we just found out she is from there. Then I said, "Hey Ms. V you are an immigrant." She said, "Why?" I said, "Because you were in the Philippines, but then you came to America to teach us." When it was the first day of school Ms. V said she is nervous and I said, "Well my name is Kiara and I am happy to see my new teachers!"

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. They share their food because my class went to La Morada and we were eating Mexican food. We were eating rice with beans. Then they gave us chips with guacamole. They said it is authentic food from Mexico. They said they opened a restaurant so they can have a better life. I thought I wasn't going to like the food there but I liked the food a lot.

Another thing is Cecilia Ruiz is an illustrator. She made a book called A Gift for Abuela. She also came to read the book. Then she came back to show us how to make papel picado and it was fun and colorful. In Mexico they also called it Banners. If you know her she's nice but if you don't know she is nice and you can do a lot of stuff with her like art and write a book.

In conclusion immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships and sharing new ideas. I have learned many things about immigrants!

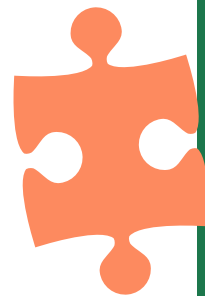
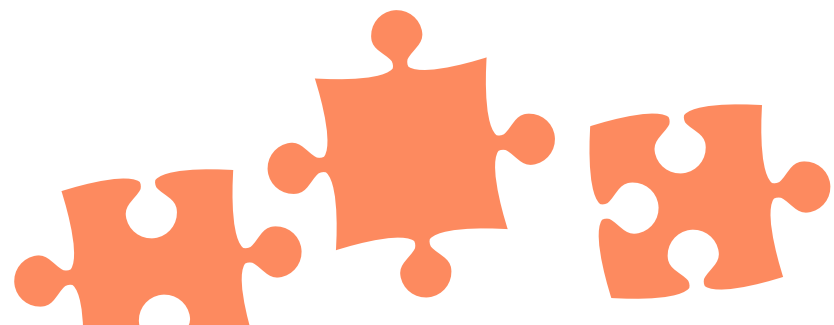


Immigrants Enrich Our Country by Sharing Their Culture

CESIA



I am an immigrant because I came from another country with my family. I am from Honduras. My dad is still there. My titi is trying to help him come to America. I learned how to read and write in America. I learned English. I learn from my friends how to play tag.





All About Immigrants

KYLEE



Immigrants travel from one place to another. I am a immigrant from Armenia and Honduras. They share their culture by bringing culture food and build new relationships.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Immigrants share different types of food with people in their community. For example Cecilia Ruiz told us about Mexican foods like Pan dulce. Pan dulce is a sugar bread.

Immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships with others. When my friends went to La Morada they met Mexican people and try their Mexican food.



All About Immigrants

PRISEIS



Why do immigrants travel to other country? Immigrants move to different country to have a better life. They enrich our country by sharing new ideas. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. They also share art like penting, coloring, drawing. They also eat quesadillas. Also they share there music like spanish music too. In conclusion, Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. I have lernd many things about immigrants.





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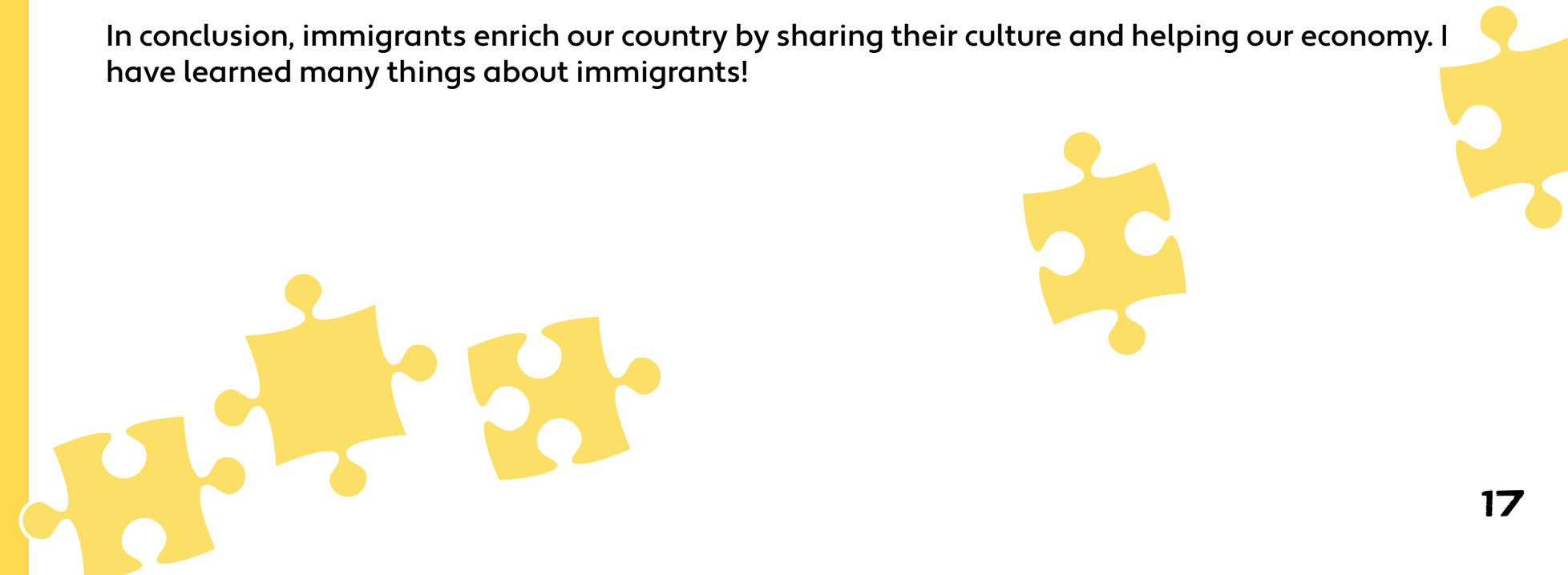
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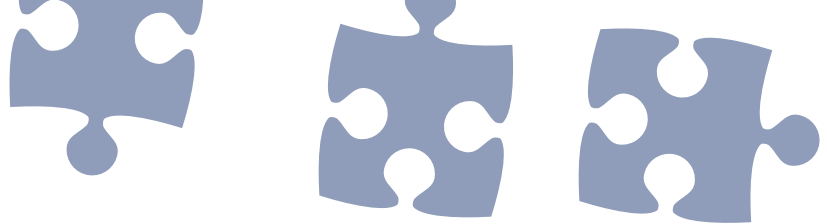


Have you ever wonder how do immigrants enrich our country? Immigrants enrich our country by helping us. They help us by sharing their culture. They help our economy. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their new ideas. A Mexican family gave my class authentic Mexican food and gave them the recipe.

The Mexican family taught my class how to speak their Mexican language. They gave them authentic guacamole with chips and rice and beans.

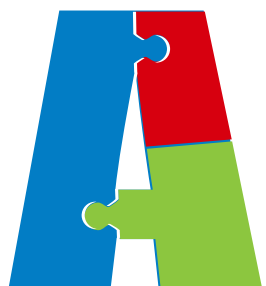
In conclusion, immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture and helping our economy. I have learned many things about immigrants!





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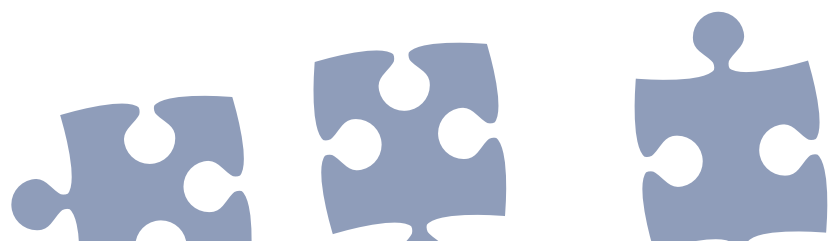
JEREMIN



An immigrant is someone that travels to another country. Immigrants enrich our country by bring new ideas and build new relationships. Other people bring new ideas so they can enrich our country. We can learn from the other people. Immigrants give new ideas and relationships. They share new ideas by making new houses and stores. So people can check out new places. They can help make a new bridge. They can make new games. They can put two games together to make a new one. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas because maybe they say they made a house. They can make different food that some people never tasted. Like a different rice and chicken that they never tasted. They can make a different juice. Maybe they have a juice that is good. La Morada recipes and made a store named La Morada. So other people can taste their food.

Immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships with others. You can say “Hi! How are you doing?” and “What is your names?”. You can ask “Do you want to be my friend?” They can say yes or no. You can show them around. You can show them a place. You can play with them outside. You can play games with them. You can go to school with them.

I conclude immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas and build new relationships. I have learned many things about immigrants!



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HENRY

Immigrants are people who leaves there home. Like me I'm from Honduras. I traveled to Honduras in April and coming back at May 9.

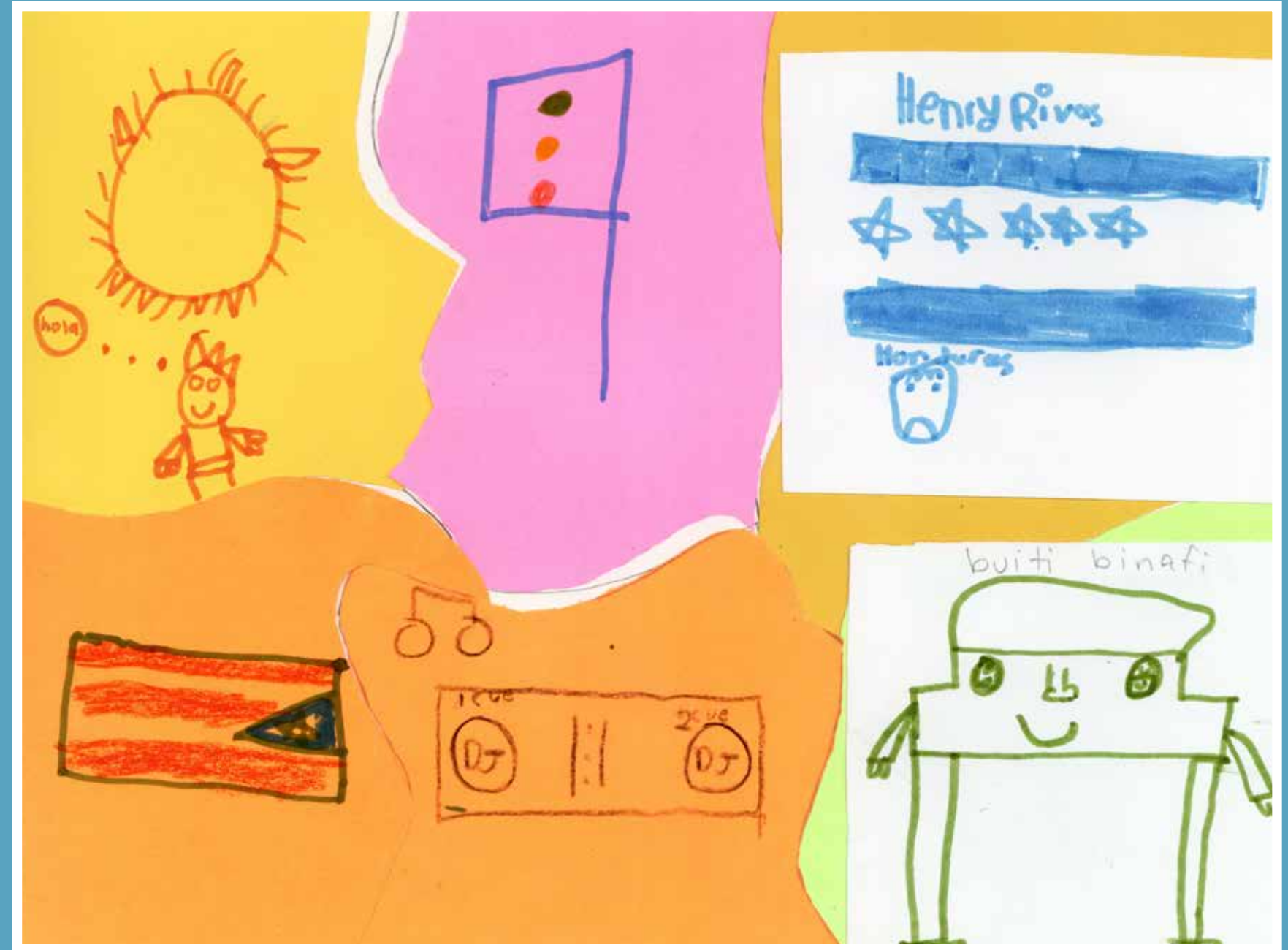
Immigrants enrich the new country they travel by bringing new things ideas and customs. Immigrants are people who travel to another place from another.

I also have a different language than others. Like Sante Fe and San Juan. How do immigrants enrich our country? Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy, share new ideas. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. They share there culture by their food that they eat.

Some immigrants eat different food than other immigrants. They also play different sports like Balle Ball from the Phillipines. They like playing Balle Ball. Immigrants share with other immigrants what they learned. For example I learned from a girl from the Philippines. She teach me how to eat with chop sticks and I learned what food they eat. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas.

Some immigrants share how they celebrate diffrent holidays. They also share things that they good at. They also share what sports they play. And what food they also eat. Some immigrants celebrate different things then other immigrants.

To conclude, Immigrants enrich our country by sharing there culture and helping our economy. I have learned many things about immigrants.





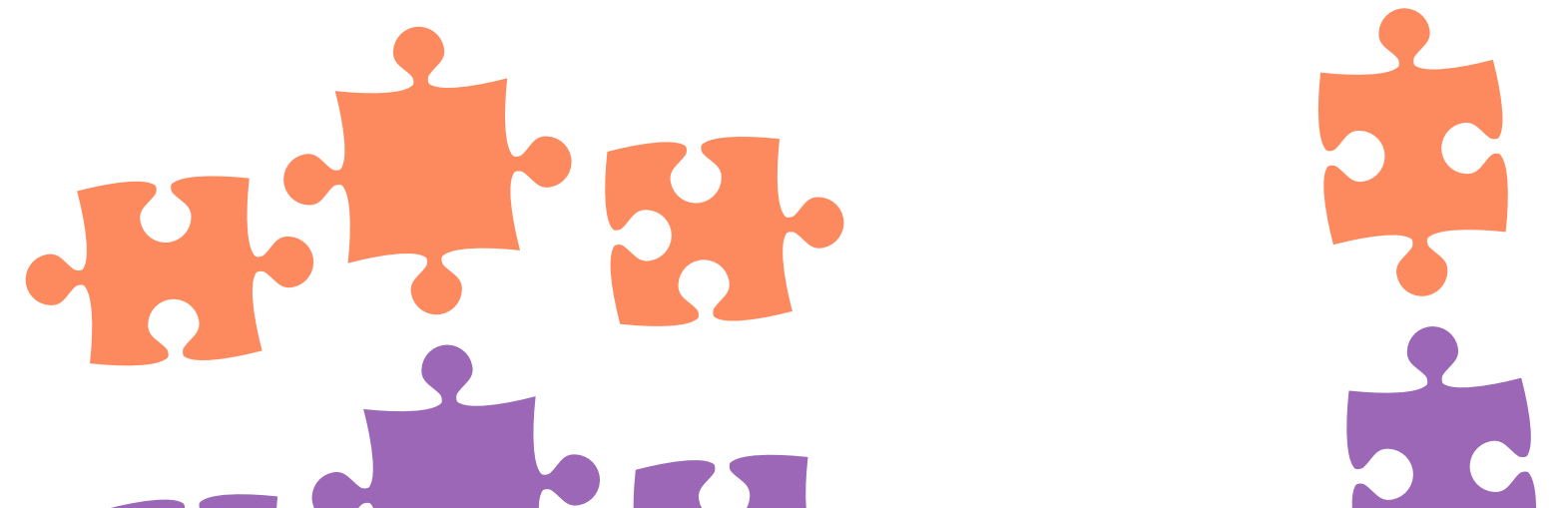
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JAIMELY



I am an immigrant from Dominican Republic. Why do they move to a different country? Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture and helping our economy. They share their language and their celebrations. Like the Day of the Dead. They also share their food like when we went to La Morada which is a Mexican restaurant. We ate the chips and the rice with the Black Beans. Also the quesadilla. I loved the food. Especially the guacamole. They open restaurant and bodega. Economy means money they open business and hire people to work for them. When immigrants pay taxes they use the money to improve houses, building and bridges in our country.

To conclude, immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing their culture. I have learned many things about immigrants.





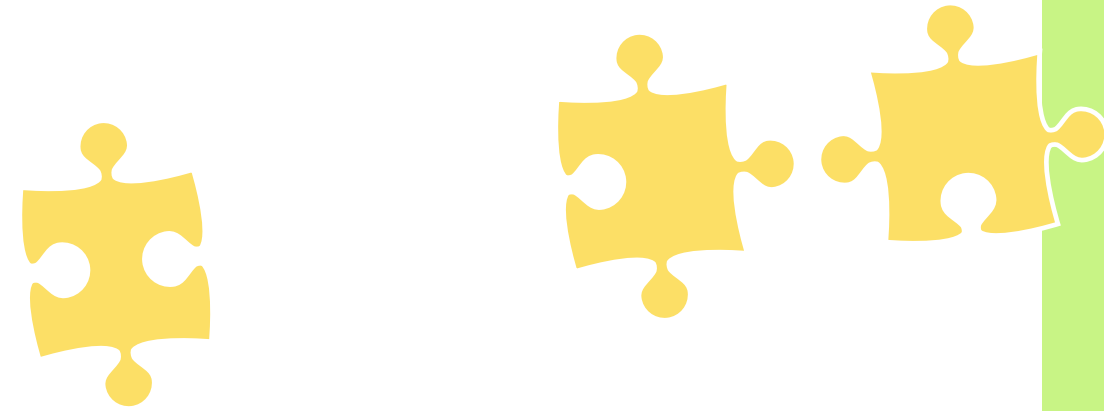
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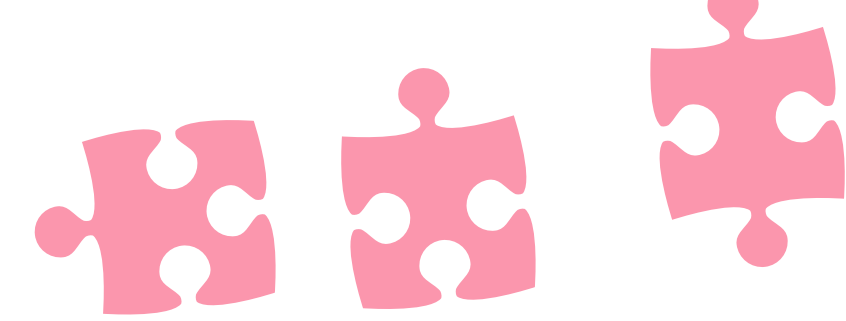
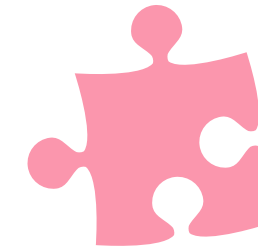
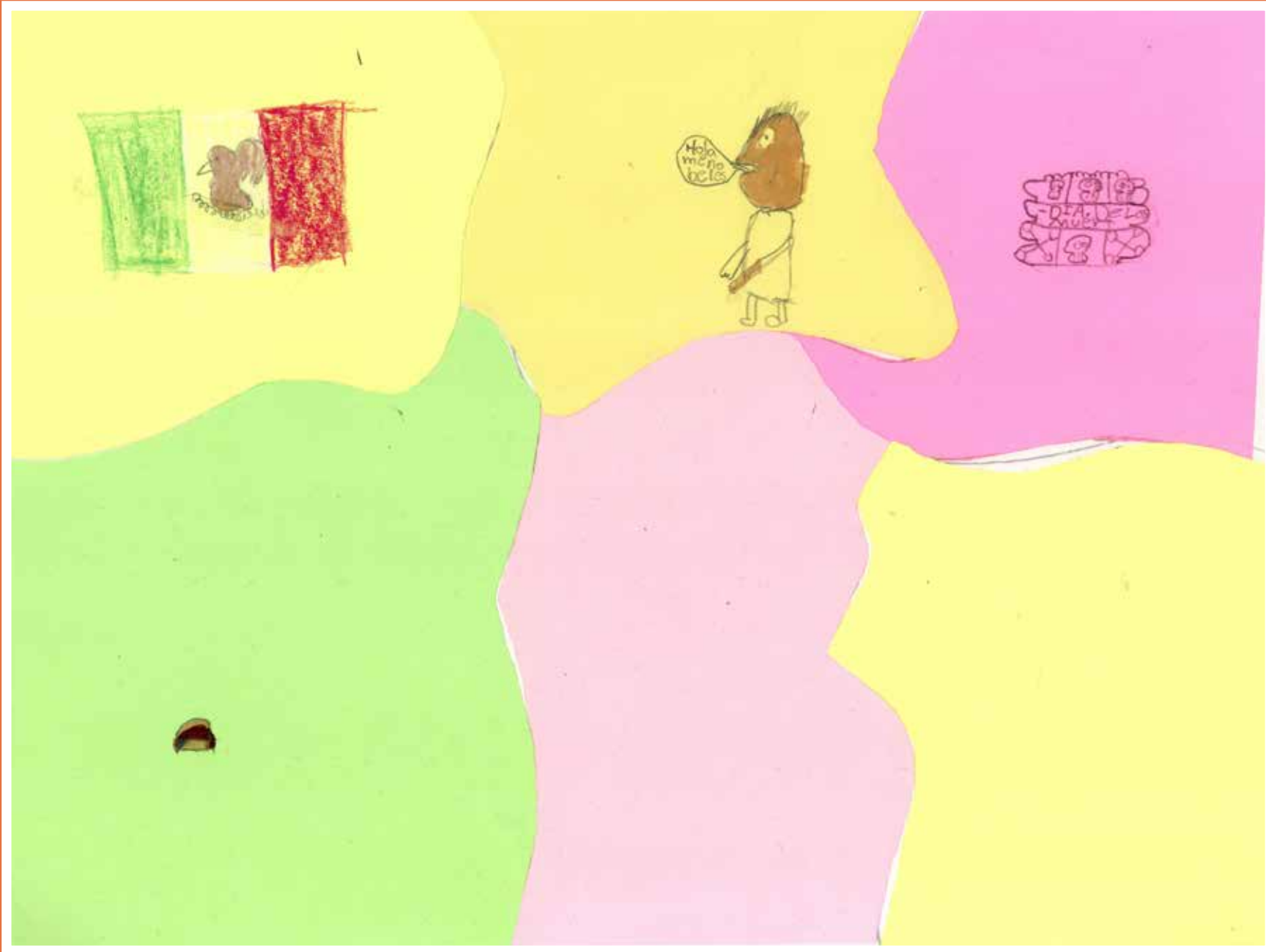
JULISSA



Immigrants enrich our country because they help our economy. Immigrants enrich our economy by opening businesses like a food business. Clothing shops economy means money. When immigrants pay taxes the taxes money go to the workers.

Again immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. I learned a lot about immigrants.





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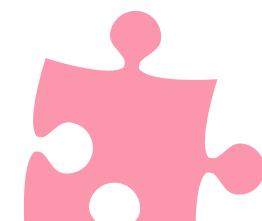
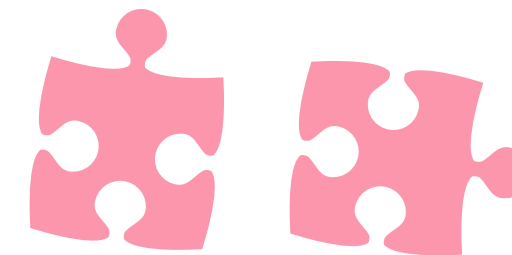
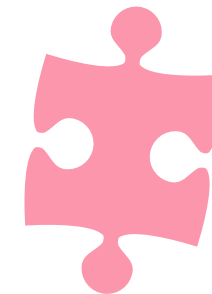
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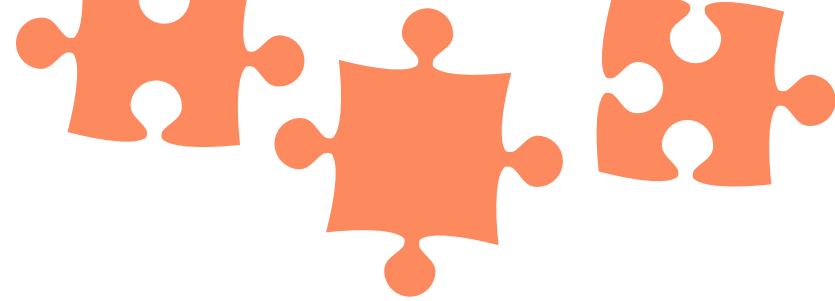


Immigrants travel to other country to have a better future. I am a immigrant and I am from Mexico. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy.

Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. Economy is about making money. Immigrants help our country earn money by opening businesses. For example I went to La Morada. It is a Mexican restaurant. They hire employees to help their business. They pay taxes. They will use the tax money to build homes and school. Our country is a safer and better place to live.

To conclude, immigrants enrich our country by help our economy.





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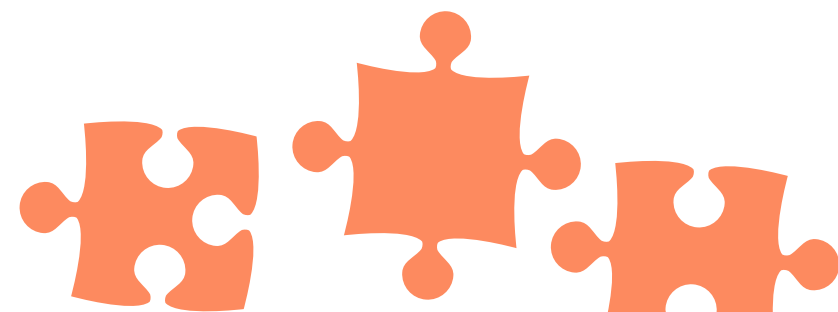
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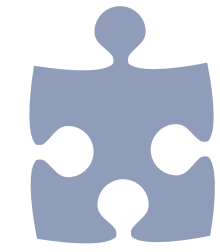
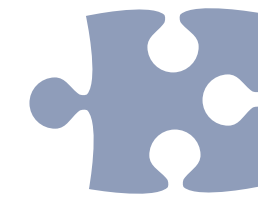
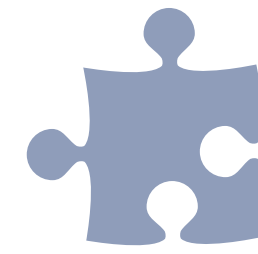
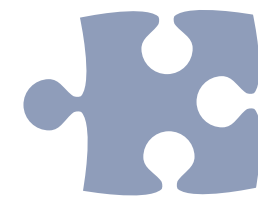
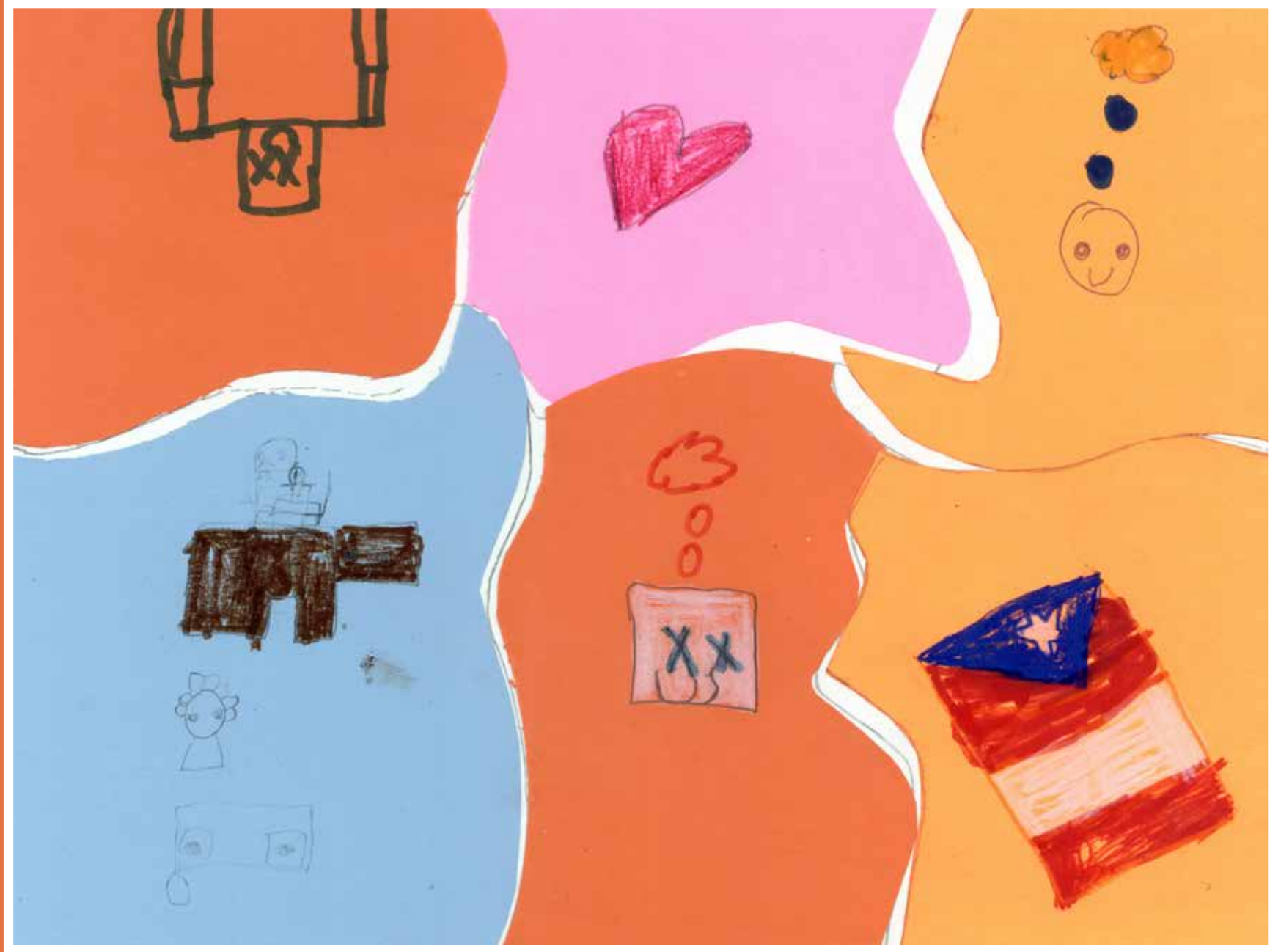


Immigrants are people who leave their home. Immigrants are people who travel. Immigrants leave their home country for a better life. Immigrants build new relationships and share new culture. Immigrants enrich.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture, they can teach how to make pan dulce, a sweet bread from Mexico. Some immigrants share their art.

Immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships with others. What does enrich mean? Enrich means how immigrants get to know others and they become friends. To conclude immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships and share their culture. I have learned many things about immigrants.



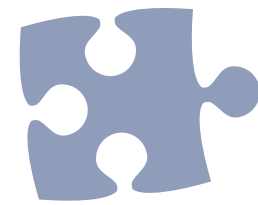
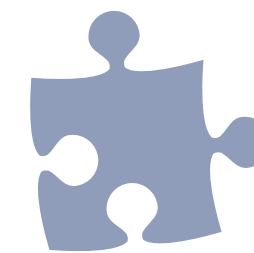
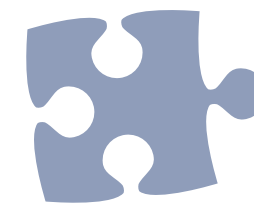
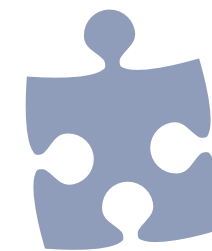
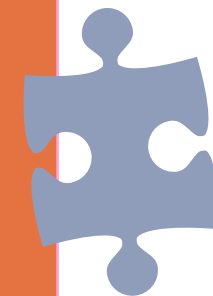


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CAMERON



Immigrants travel from their homes. Do you know why they move to other country? To get a better life. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their food like La Morada. They gave my class rice and chicken. They are a Mexican family. They teach my class want to in Mexican restaurant. They sell food to get money and their family to get a better life. I learn so much about immigrants.



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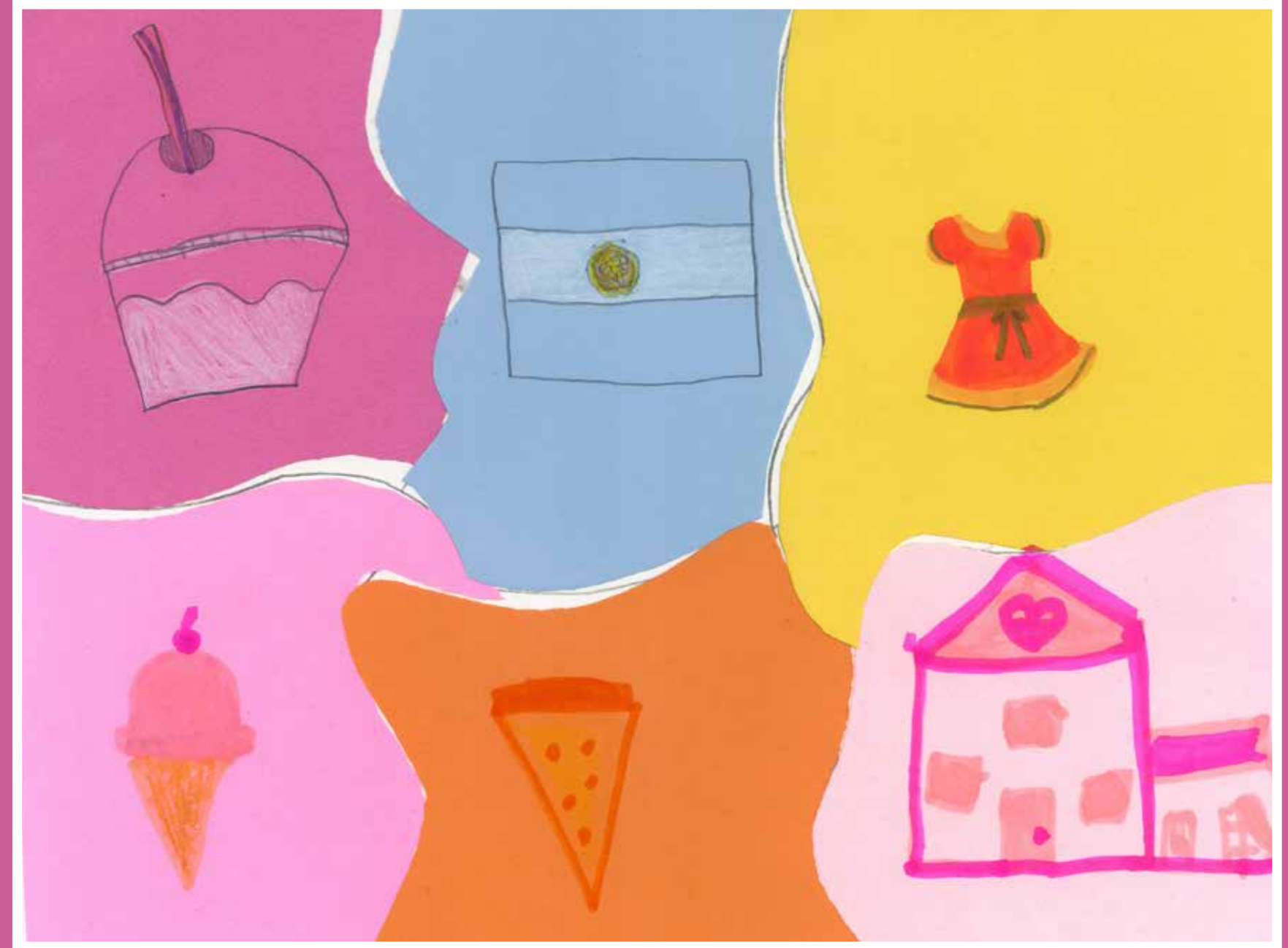
EMELE



Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. They share foods and clothes. Foods from China, dumpling and rice. Clothes like hanbok from Korea. Immigrants celebrate Thanksgiving by sharing turkey. Also the traditions the immigrants do like in Japan they do green tea ceremonies.

Second thing, immigrants enrich our country, is by build new relationship with others by being friends with them or saying “welcome” or “hello.” Also immigrants like to be friends with other people around the world and remembering people they know a lot. Immigrants also go where their friends or family live. There are many ways immigrants could build new relationships with others like welcoming them, be friends with them, remembering people in the world. Immigrants travel where people, kids, familys or old ones live.

To conclude, immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture and build new relationships. I have learned many things about immigrants.





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KEVIN



Have you heard of an immigrant enriching our country? If you did not, stick around to learn about immigrants enriching our country. By sharing their culture, and helping our economy, immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. They can share their culture by teaching us their traditions.

Like when my friend who is a immigrant from China, taught me to use chop sticks. I learned to pick up rice and some Chinese food with the chop stick. And it was good also they share their language. They taught me to say many things. Like the yes, no those were easy words in Chinese and they can teach us art like when a author taught me and my class how to make a paper called papel picado. Papel picado is a banner from Mexico. Another way immigrants enrich our country is by helping our economy by making businesses. If they make a business they get money. A little of it goes to the government. The government uses it to improve the roads and for improving schools and houses so more immigrants can live in our country. Again immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and shareing their culture. I have learned many things about immigrants enriching our country. Have you?

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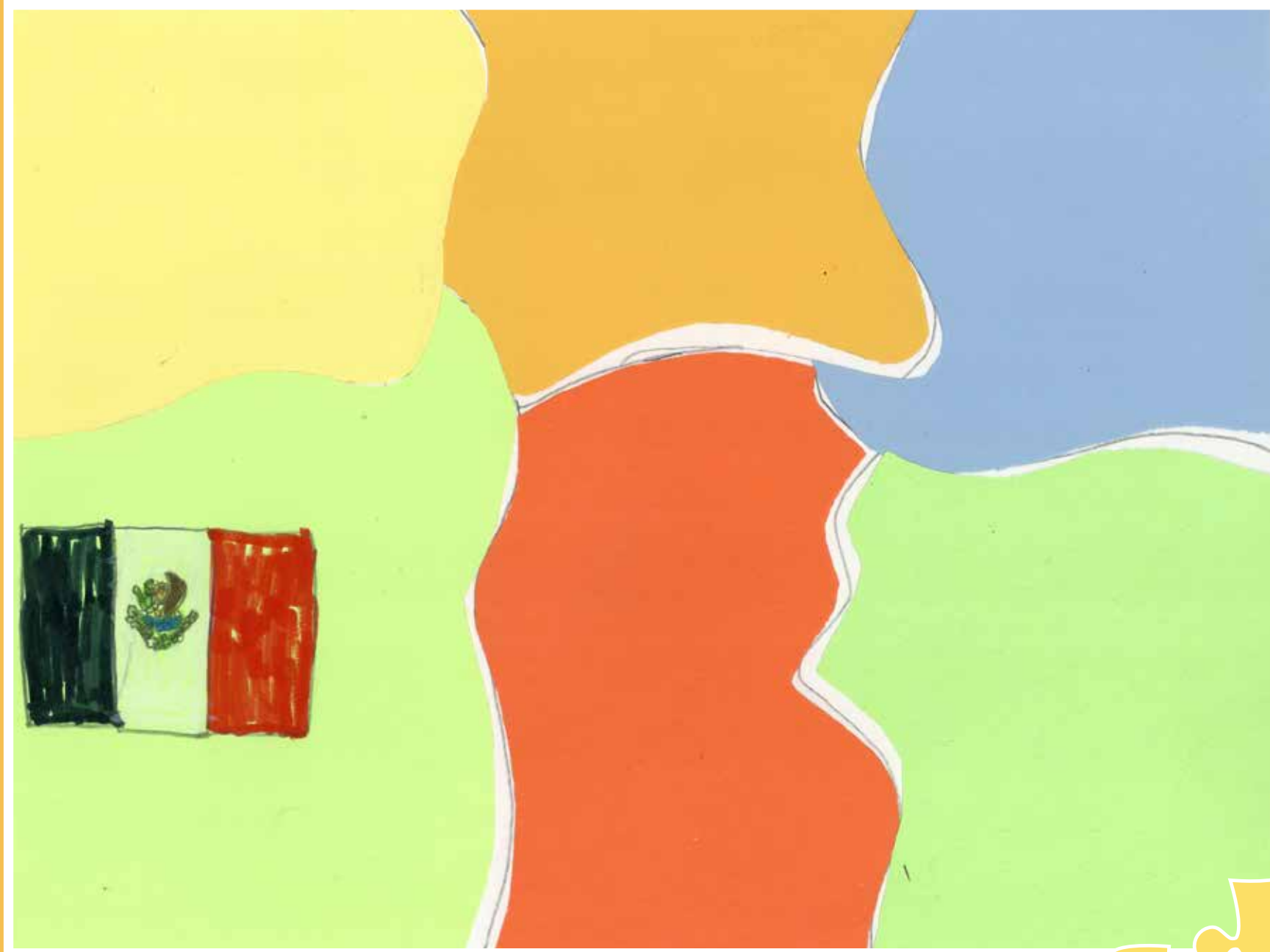
Immigrants travel to different countries to have a better life. Is it easy to travel to different countries? Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture and build new relationships.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Immigrants share their culture and they bring good food. La Morada gave you tortillas and black beans. It's a very good restaurant. What does enrich mean. It means something that somebody does that is good. I am a immigrant too because I travel all the way from Honduras to America. I had a lot of memories and I still didn't forget them. I got to meet some of my family members too. So it wasn't that bad at all at America.

Again, immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture and building new relationships. I have learned many things about immigrants.



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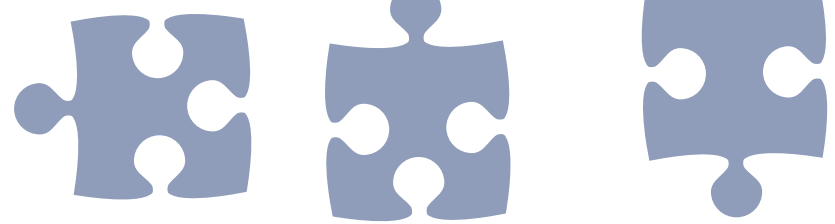
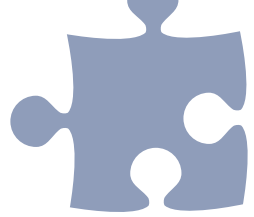
All About Immigrants

ABIGAIL

Immigrants move to a different place. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas and helping our economy. Immigrants enrich our country by share new ideas. Like Mexican food. Mexican people have sweet bread and they also make bread with coffee.

Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. For example the La Morada restaurant. It is a Mexican restaurant. They open a restaurant to sell food. They have workers to work in the restaurant the workers get paid.

Again immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas and helping our economy.



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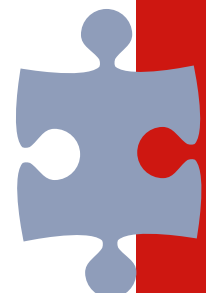
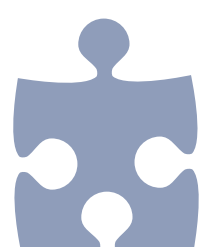
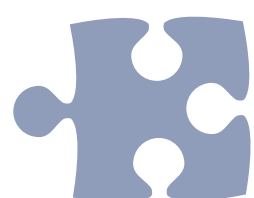
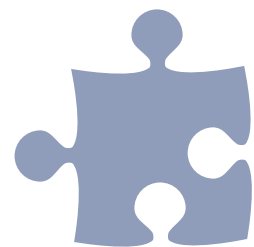
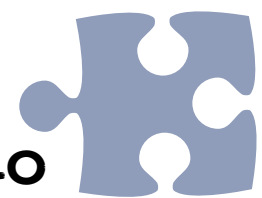
ALEISTER



Immigrants travel from different countries to enrich our country. Immigrants enrich our country. They help us build things like schools. They also help us build things like roads. They want America to be better. They also build businesses like La Morada restaurant. They want to remember their home land.

They opened salons like hair salons and nail salons. They open Bodegas to earn money. They use the money to give to the government. The government builds things like schools. Economy means money and taxes. The government wants America to be better. They share new ideas like jobs because they build it and hire people. Then they give the money to the government.

To conclude immigrants enrich our country by helping the economy and sharing new ideas. I have learned many things about immigrants.





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JAYDEN S.



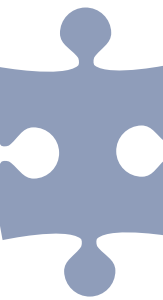
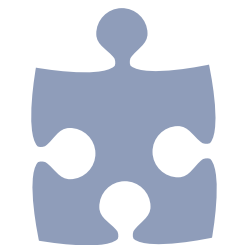
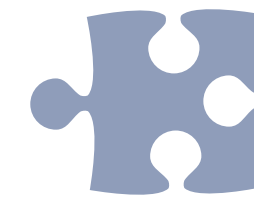
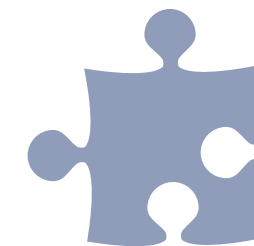
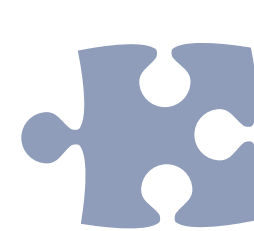
Have you ever thought of why do immigrants travel? I've learned from Behind the Book that immigrants travel to get a better life.

Immigrants help enrich our country by bringing new things and traditions. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. They find jobs and make businesses.

How do immigrants help our country earn money? They do that by sharing their ideas. What happens when immigrants pay taxes? It goes to the government to make stores and schools.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. What are some important ideas immigrants share with others? They share art, music, food and recipes, dances, hair styles and sports. Enrich means to make better. Also I'm Puerto Rican and Dominican. I am an immigrant.

In conclusion immigrants enrich our country by there expertise and ideas. I have learned many things about immigrants.



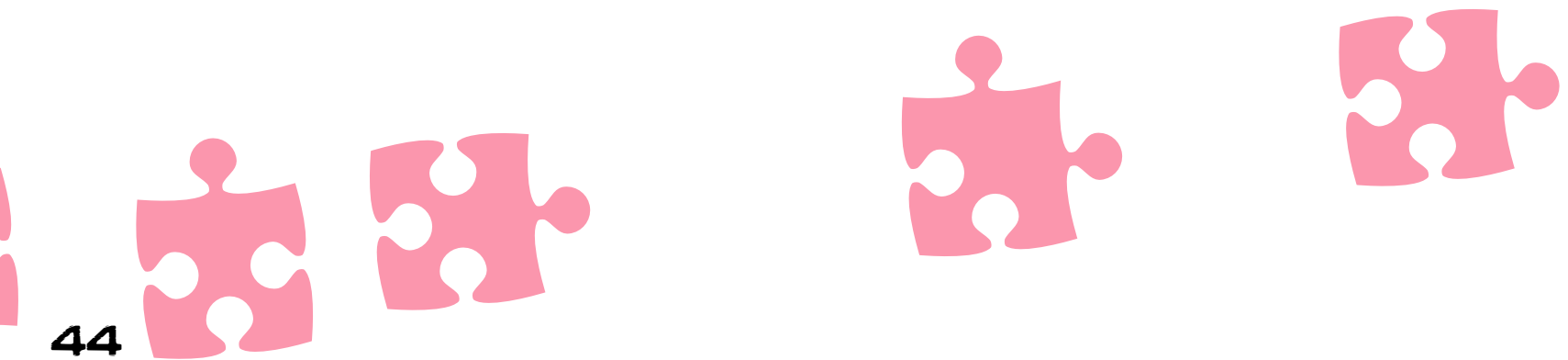


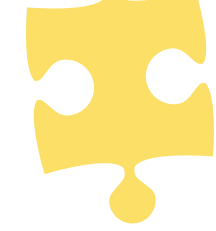
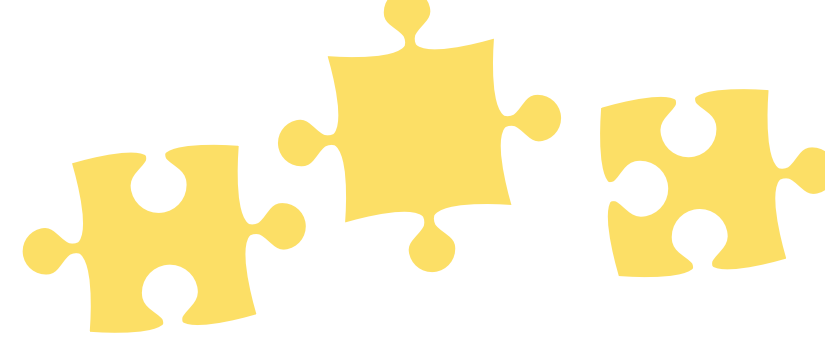
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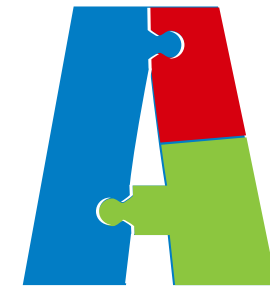
Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our country by helping our economy. Economy means when somebody gets money. Immigrants open businesses and hire people. When immigrants build taxes the money goes to new schools and new homes.



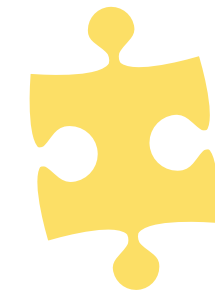
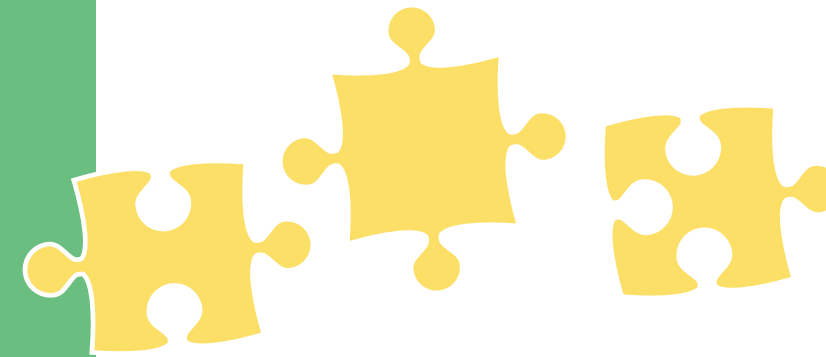


All About Immigrants

AARON



An immigrant is a person who travels to different countries. And I have a question for immigrants. Is it hard to travel because I never traveled to different countries. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. Economy means money. Immigrants open jobs for example like stores.



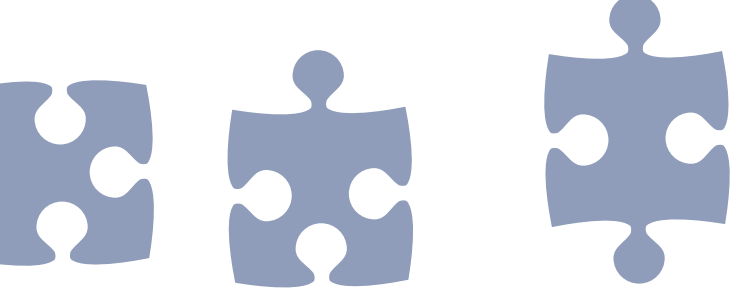
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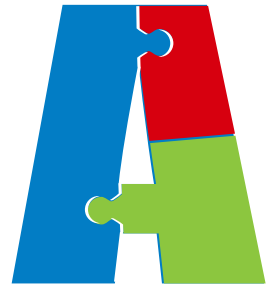


ART BY BRIANNA



Immigrants Enrich Our Country

YAZMIN



Are you an immigrant who has come from their original home to the U.S.A? Well I am! Immigrants can enrich our country in many ways. For example by sharing their culture and helping our economy. Immigrants can enrich our country by sharing their culture.

What's a culture? A culture is a group of people living together and play together or learn together. Immigrants can share food from their culture. For example, I went to La Morada. La Morada is a restaurant. They have many kinds of food like rice, beans, casadillas, tortilla, chips, guacamole. Immigrants can also share art from their culture. For example when Cecilia Ruiz came to my class. Cecilia Ruiz is an author who published a book called "A Gift from Abuela." Cecilia taught my class how to make papel picado. Papel picado is a banner made out of paper like in the story "A Gift from Abuela." Abuela and nina make papel picado.

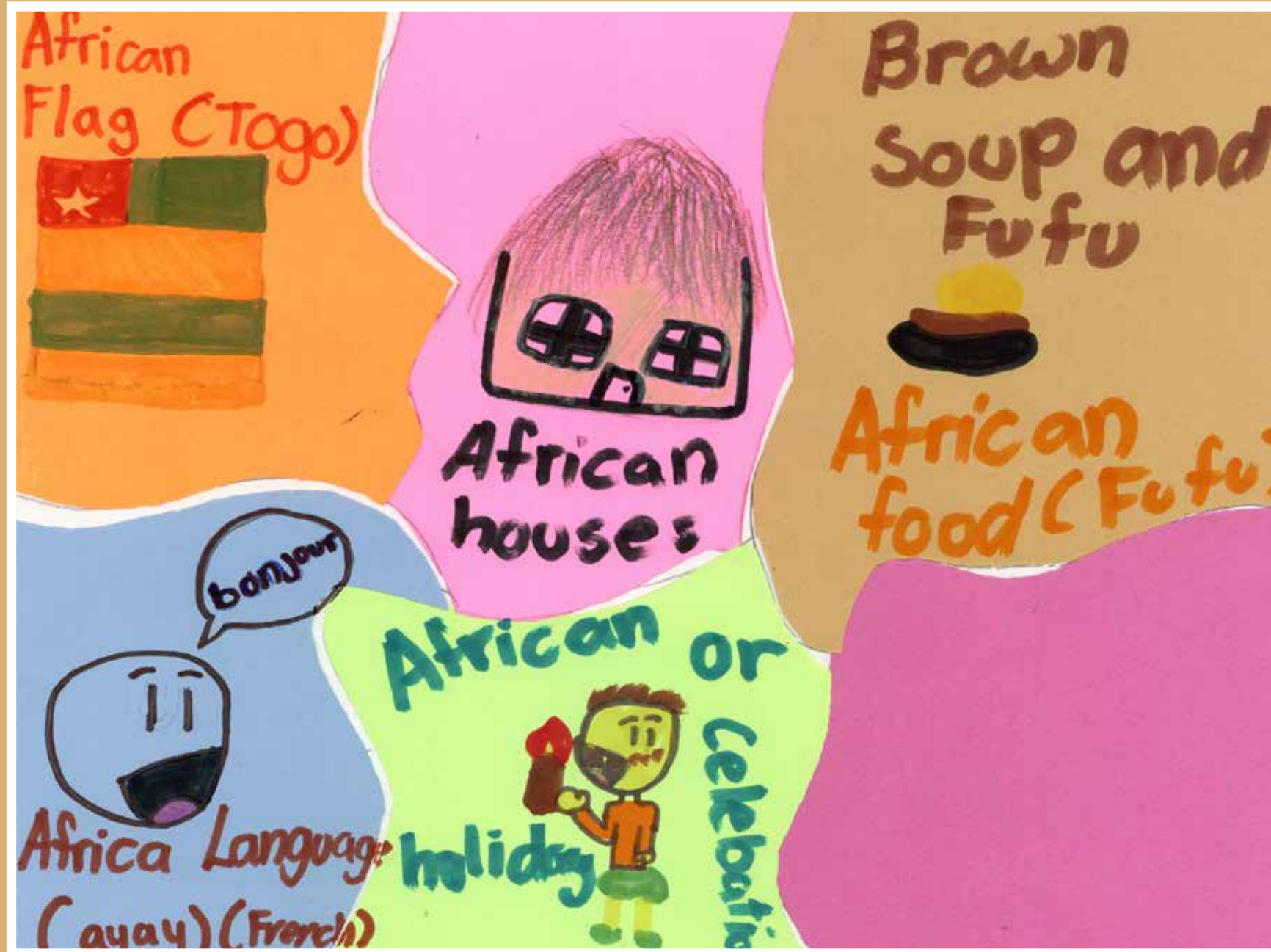
Immigrants can enrich our country by helping our economy. Economy is the money that we earn in our country. Immigrants help our country earn money in many ways. For example, my class went to a Mexican restaurant called La Morada. La Morada is owned by entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs are people who own a business. With the money that La Morada earns by selling the Mexican food they can give money to the government and pay taxes. Another example is you own a grocery store and your an entrepreneur. You can pay taxes with the money that you earn from being payed.

In conclusion immigrants enrich our country by sharing and helping our economy. Would you share this with your friends? If so, why or why not?



Immigrants Enrich Our Country

AKOUVI



Immigrants can enrich our country in many ways. What is an immigrant you might ask in a puzzled voice? An immigrant is a person that travels from there country to another country and they also enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing new ideas.

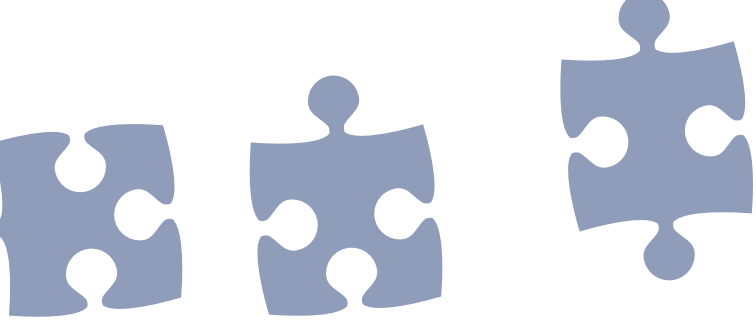
Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. When an immigrant helps our economy they help our country earn money. Immigrants help us earn money by creating businesses and earning money from there job to pay taxes. When an immigrant pays taxes the money goes to the goverment. And when the money goes to the goverment other people are able to build new schools, hospitals, roads, sidewalks, and new cars!

La Morada is also helping our economy by selling food and making there customers enjoy it! Sometimes they will get tips, they also pay taxes to help the money grow to make futureistic stuff in the future.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. Some important ideas immigrants share with others are hairstyles and dances. For example, if you're going to a party and all the hairstyles you know are so classic and you go to a salon and the people there are immigrants. When the immigrant does your hair you might be so surprised. You might just keep that hairstyle in place because you love it!

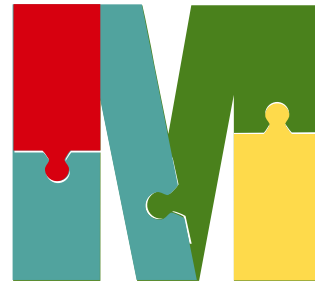
Immigrants share different dances with people. Another example is, maybe you are going to a dance and you don't know how to dance and when you go to dance practice and the people there are immigrants. And when they teach you how to do salsa, once you go to that dance everyone will be so impressed.

To sum up, immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing new ideas. One question, what have you learned from reading this? Well I've learned alot from what I know.



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MASON



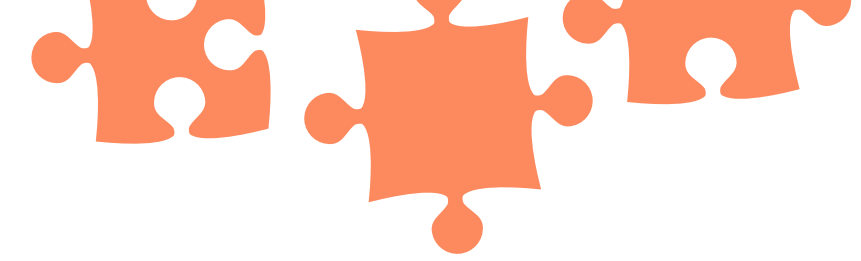
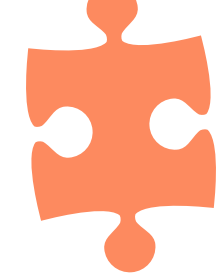
Many people immigrate to our country. What do immigrants do, you might ask? Immigrants do much to enrich our country like helping our economy and sharing their culture. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. Some immigrants make new buildings. For example, they make restaurants and other jobs as a family.

Those immigrants are called entrepreneurs. Some immigrants are not entrepreneurs. For example, they make jobs where you or your family can work. Another example, I went to a restaurant called La Morada. They help our economy by making a business to pay taxes to go to the government. They were a Mexican family that opened a business. They served real Mexican food like rice and beans and much more.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. For example, most cars are not made in the U.S.A. They can bring food just like La Morada. They made real Mexican food. They can also bring their customs such things as clothes, shoes and jewelry. And sometimes celebrations like the one 3 days after Halloween. Or like Asian, Chinese and Japanese people that use chopsticks. In conclusion, immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing their culture.

I have learned many things about immigrants: I hope you share the information you learned to other people.





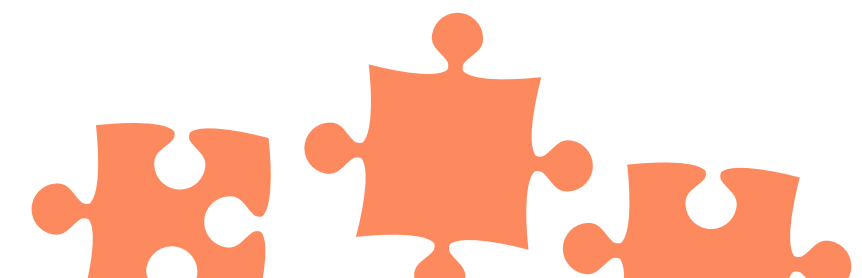
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SHAKIM

This world is filled with immigrants. Have you ever seen a immigrant come to your country? Well I have saw one. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. Like when in La Morada they were entrepreneurs. And they enriched our country because they made more money for our country. They also shared their culture because when they opened their shop they made their Mexican food like guacamole, rice and beans chip, cream, spice.

In conclusion they enrich our country by sharing new ideas. Like when somethings old the more immigrants they might make new ideas but not old things.

Again they also help our economy by making new things showing new food, toys, beds, jobs, matris and tvs!



Immigrants Enrich Our Country

CRISTOFER

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. For example, some immigrants speak a different language. They could probably teach us how to speak a different language.

Immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships with others. Enrich means making the world better. They get to know each other by becoming friends and getting to know each other. We can make immigrants feel welcome by giving them love. We can build new relationships. For example I have a friend and he is an immigrant.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Culture means things that are from their country. Some important cultures they share is food and clothes. Immigrants share different types of food with people in their community. For example, I ate tamales which is from Mexico and I loved it. Immigrants share different types of clothes with people in their community. For example I buy clothes that are from China. Sharing types of pants help other people because it might be pretty or cool.

In conclusion, this show all about immigrants. Are you an immigrant and where are you from? This is how immigrants enrich our country. This is how immigrants build new relationships and to share their culture.





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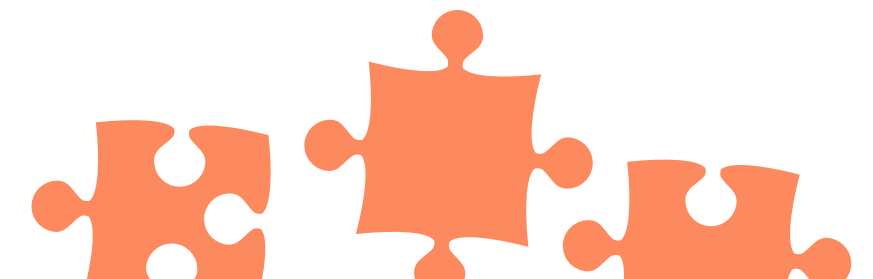
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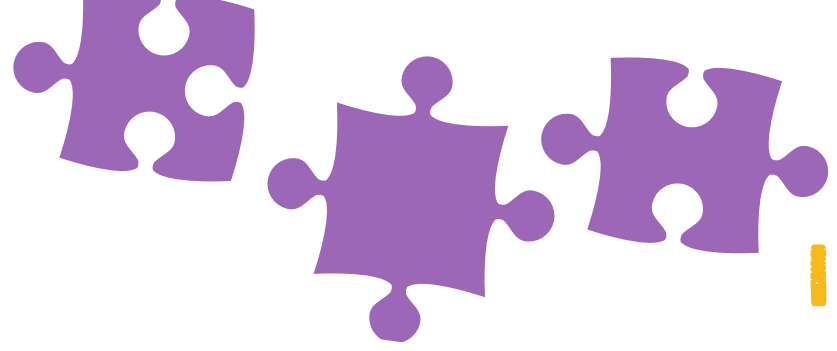


Do you know what is an immigrant? An immigrant is a person who leaves their country and goes to another country. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing their culture. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy like La Morada. Every time they pay taxes, the tax money goes to the government.

La Morada is a authentic Mexican restaurant in our community. They sell tortillas, guacomole and rice and beans. Authentic means from that country. Like La Morada, their from Mexico and their food recipes are also from Mexico.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Like the artist of the book A Gift from Abuela, Cecilia Ruiz. She showed us how to make papel picado. She also is an immigrant. There's a restaurant called La Morada and they share their culture by sharing food with the community. La Morada also shares their culture with art because inside La Morada they have pitchers on the wall. To sum up, immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing.





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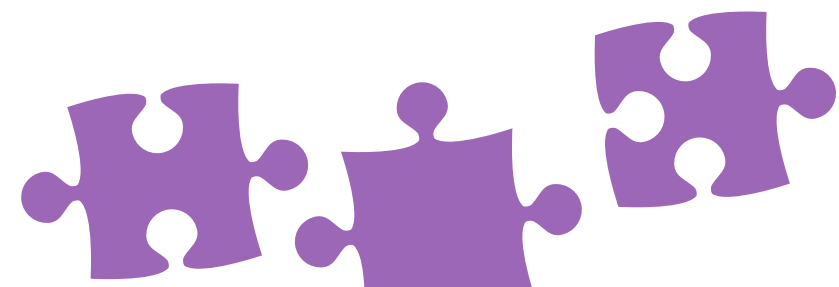
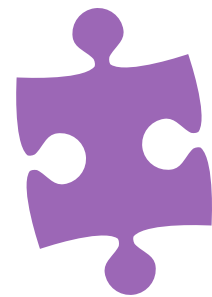
JAHMERE



Hey you! Yeah you! Do you know what is an immigrant? I do. An immigrant is a person who travels from their country to come to our country the U.S. Immigrants can share new ideas and help our economy.

Stop! Do you know what does economy mean? Well you're lucky I'm here, because economy means the money in our country. When you pay taxes you help your economy. I love helping. You should try it! So an immigrant can help your economy.

To conclude, immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas and helping our economy. I have learned many things about immigrants.





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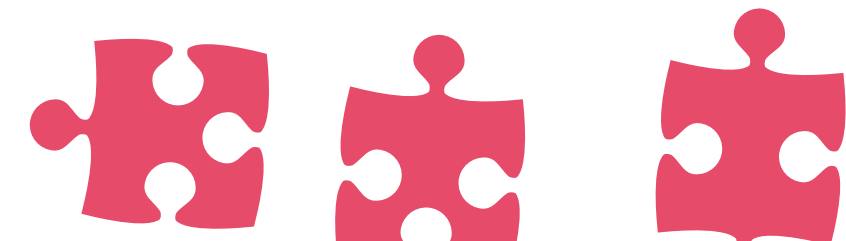
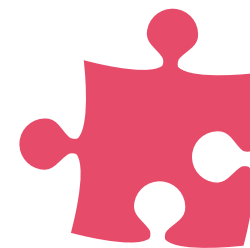
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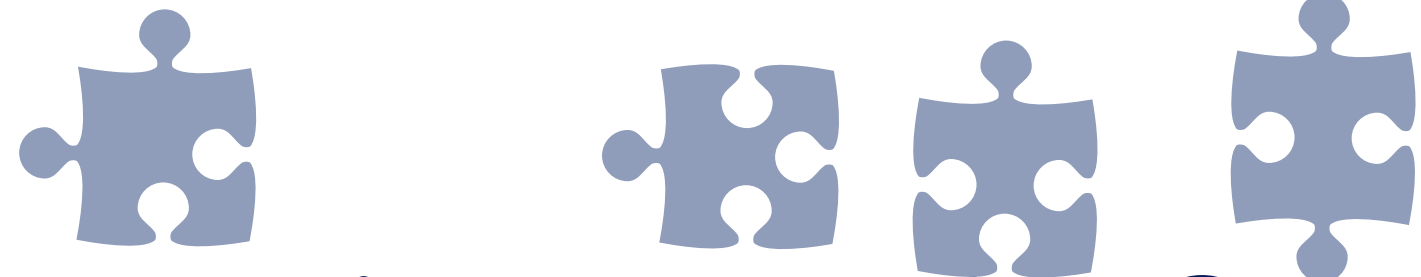


Do you ever wonder how immigrants share their culture? If you don't know what culture means it is a group that is together most of the time. It is a community that helps each other in our country. They live or visit. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their food. Immigrants share different types of food with people.

I know what economy means. It means the money we earn in our country. Immigrants help our economy by making new jobs. They also earn more money by making new jobs. They help us by making new houses, apartments, and jobs. They also work to pay taxes every month at their house or in their community. For example when we went to a Mexican restaurant called La Morada, they had authentic Mexican food. La Morada shared their authentic Mexican food with everyone that came to La Morada. Authentic means original food from that place they came from. It is a family restaurant. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. They also work for people and get paid. They work and maybe own their own business like La Morada. It's a family restaurant that a Mexican family owns. La Morada was from Mexico and moved here and made a restaurant called La Morada a Mexican restaurant.

In conclusion, I hope you like learning about immigrants. Again immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing new ideas. To conclude I have learned many things about immigrants.





Immigrants Enrich Our Country

MARCUS

I am an immigrant because I am from Ireland and my mom moved to the Bronx. Are you an immigrant? Do you enrich a country? Immigrants enrich our country and make it better by sharing their culture with other ones. Immigrants enrich our country by paying taxes. Economy means building buildings and paying taxes to our country by earning money and paying taxes. Immigrants pay taxes then earn money. We use immigrants tax money to open businesses up. I can connect to the restaurant La Morado to immigrants because they are from Mexico and they traveled to the Bronx and opened their own business by paying taxes. Immigrants enrich our country by building new relationships with others. Enrich means make better. Immigrants get to know other people in their community by sharing things with immigrants who go to a country or state. We can help immigrants feel welcomed in our community by showing them love to make them welcomed to our community.

Immigrants build new relationships by sharing their food, language, art, customs, traditions, celebration, recipes, cars, dances, hairstyles, jobs, music, clothing, sports, love. They traveled to the Bronx to open up their own restaurant. For example I am from Ireland and I moved to the Bronx and I pay taxes to the place called Toys and Rust because my mom worked there.





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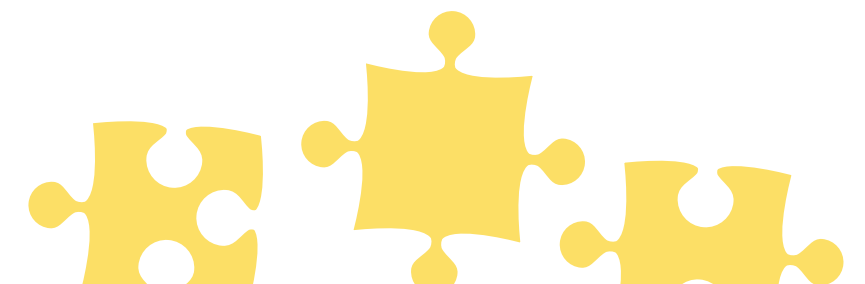
VALERIA



Do you know what is an immigrant? An immigrant is a person who enriches our country. One example is that they can build a restaurant and earn money and pay taxes and from the taxes they build new schools, streets, roads. One day my classmates and I went on a trip to La Morada. The owners were immigrants.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Immigrants share their food. For example sometimes they go to parties and they bring food. Sometimes they show how they dance. Also share their language to other people because the people do not know the immigrants language.

In conclusion, immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and by sharing their culture.





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YOHANAN

Do you know what is an immigrant? Well I do. Immigrants are people that enrich our country by helping our community and sharing new ideas. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Immigrants share their language. For example, immigrants who speak spanish can teach other people how to speak their language. Immigrants share their food. For example Mexican restorants share their food. La Morada is an authentic Mexican restorant. They will explain how to make their food.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing. They share their culture by sharing their language to make others understand them and become friends. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. For example, immigrants pay tax mony to help our economy. Taxes help our economy because it is used to build bridges.

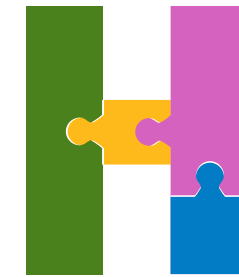
In our country immigrants help us get more mony for a home and food for our family.





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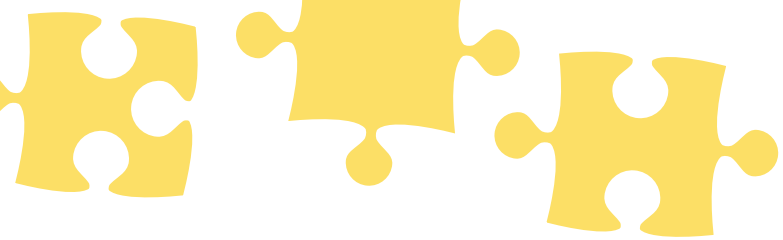
ARIEL



Have you ever heard of how an immigrant gets here? I have heard of one coming here. Did you know many come and live in the United States? Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing new ideas. Immigrants enrich our country by making money by paying taxes to make schools and buildings, play grounds, state parks, construction parts, offices, police departments, fire departments, hospitals, building factories, churches, libraries, and fixing water pipes. They also pay taxes to make cars. Entrepreneurs make business, public homes, stores, grocery markets, and warehouses.

La Morada is an entrepreneur business because Carolina's brother and her dad made a restaurant. Her dad owns La Morada. He welcomes immigrants into his restaurant. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas such as making new cars, art, clothing, music, jobs, dance, food and recipes, steel, iron, aluminum foil, glass, electricity, cell phones. They also contribute with strong work in construction, plastic, rubber, recycle bottles, new equipment, new technology.

In conclusion immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing new ideas. I have learned many things about immigrants today with you.



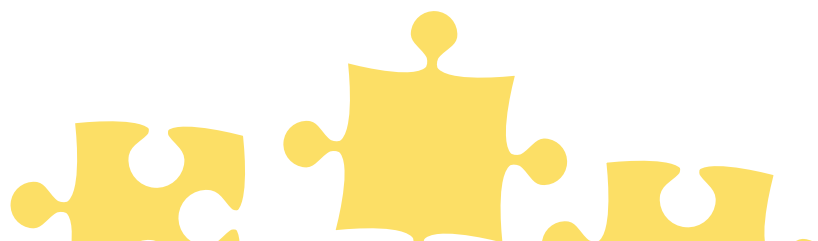
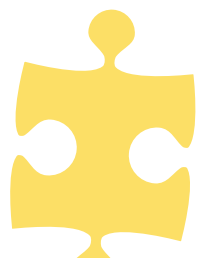
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FARRAH

Do you ever wonder how immigrants enrich our country. Well I do! Here are some ways that immigrants enrich our country. They share new ideas and their culture. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new art or their food. Culture means a group of people that do things together. Sharing parts of their culture helps other people by teaching us new languages like Spanish. Immigrants also share new traditions and new celebrations. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. Enrich means make better. Immigrants share new ideas with others. For example, they share food, cars, dances, music, art, jobs, sports.

Dances they share are the salsa dance, or foods they share is spigety, or tacos, rice and beans, or chicken. Another example are the sports. They share soccer, and football. The music they share is spanish music.

In conclusion, immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas and their culture. I have learned many things about immigrants!





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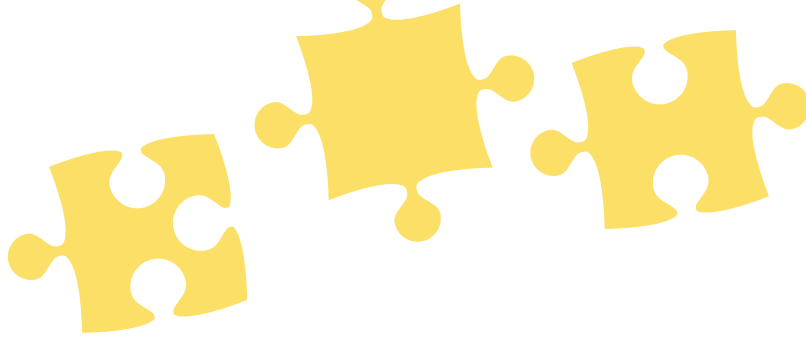
JUSTIN



Immigrants enrich our country in many ways. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their language. For example Immigrants who speak Spanish can teach other people how to speak their language. Immigrants share their food. For example, a Mexican restaurant. They will explain how to make their food.

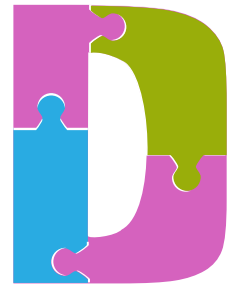
Immigrants get jobs and that pays for schools and many more stuff. To conclude, immigrants enrich our country in many ways.

Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy by paying taxes. For example, they get a job and that pays for schools. And many more stuff. To conclude immigrants enrich our country in many ways.



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MIGUEL



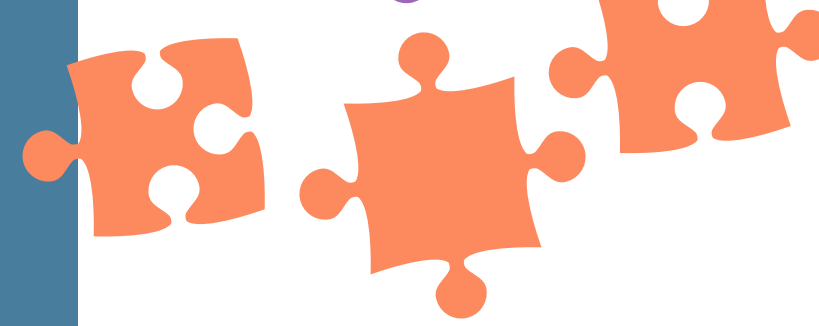
Do you know what an immigrant is? Well I do! Read to find out how immigrants help our economy and share new ideas with us.

Immigrants enrich our country by building schools. Without school, kids would not get an education to go to college and get jobs. Immigrants enrich our country by giving money to our government to fix water pipes for clean water. Another way immigrants enrich our country is by building roads and helping build buildings. Immigrants enrich our country building businesses and we call them entrepreneurs. Immigrants enrich our country when entrepreneurs build there businesses to earn money to pay taxes.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. Immigrants share their ideas by making cars with air conditioners to keep you cool. Another way immigrants enrich our country is by sharing their hair style like braids and buns. The example is immigrants enrich our country by making food and recipes like spagetti because it comes from Italy and I used to think it was made in the U.S. The last fact on how immigrants enrich our country is by sharing their food like mash potatoes. I never knew what country made mash potatoes.

In conclusion this is how immigrants help our economy. Again this is how immigrants share their ideas. Did you like my information about how immigrants share their culture and help our economy?





Immigrants Enrich our Country

JACOB

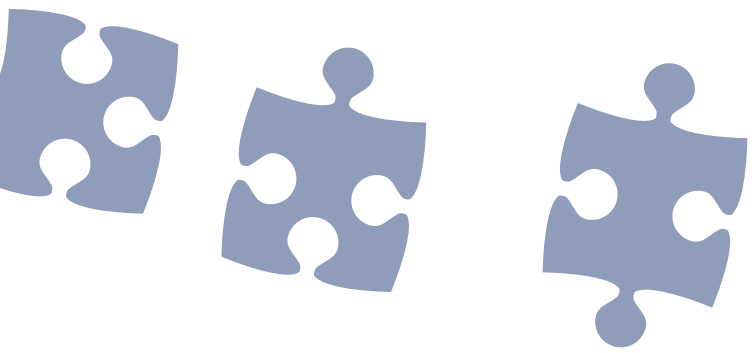


Have you ever heard of an immigrant? An immigrant is someone that goes to another country. They also share new ideas and help our economy.

Immigrants help our country by helping our economy. You may be saying “What does economy mean?” It means the country’s money. You may be asking “How does the country make money?” By entrepreneurs. Entrepreneurs means an immigrant that made a business. Entrepreneurs give some money to the government. What do they do with the money? They help build things like buildings and roads. For example, La Morada is a business that an immigrant family owns from Mexico. They also brought the food from their country to share with others.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. For example some foods are not from the U.S. like rice, pizza, and spaghetti. These are foods that immigrants share. Also most cars are not from the U.S. Most are from different countries. Immigrants share new ideas about products like new foods and things that help you with your everyday lives. La Morada is a business from a family that immigrated from Mexico. They sell food from their country that other people have not try yet.

Again, immigrants enrich us by sharing new ideas and helping our economy. I hope you like all of the info about immigrants.



Immigrants Enrich Our Country

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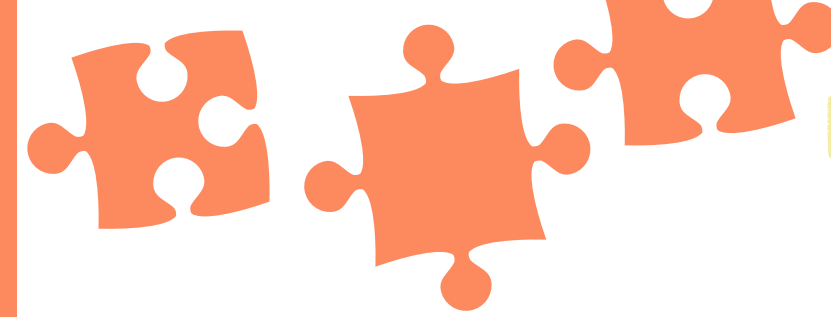


Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing their culture. I have learned many things about immigrants! I learned that immigrants move to another country to explore that country they move to to see how it is like theirs.

Have you ever heard of an immigrant or met them? Well I have! Immigrants enrich our country by bringing new food. Another way immigrants can enrich our country is by teaching us a new language. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Culture means there is a group of people and they like to play together and share their language. You might be asking, what do you mean by sharing their language? What I mean by sharing their language is if they come to a country and they teach us their language you or I can teach them our language. They can show us the food they have. You might be asking what types of food? For example, the first types of food is guacamole. Another example is nacho chips. When we was at La Morada on our trip we had some nacho chips, some guacamole, and some rice and beans, some water, some buenos dias.

Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. Economy means its the money that we earn in our country. Economy also means to earn money. Immigrants are entrepreneurs because they made their own restaurants and other buinesses too.





Immigrants Enrich Our Country **YARETZI**



Do you have you ever wanted to hear of an Immigrant? Well I have!

You might want to ask how do immigrants help us? An Immigrant is a person who enriches our country by sharing their culture and sharing their new ideas.

Immigrants can enrich our country by sharing their culture with us. Sometimes people enrich our country also by sharing their language like for example people that can't talk could try to speak that way. Another thing they can do to enrich our country is also to share their dances because most people from different countries love to dance different culture dances. Also another thing is their foods like at La Morada. We also had them give us rice and beans. They also share their art because some people like the art from different countries. Immigrants can enrich our country by sharing their culture. Sometimes immigrants can share how they celebrate their holidays like maybe in Mexico people celebrate Dia De Los Muertos. Also people have some hairstyles to do on certain days like maybe on a special day they do braiding hairstyles. Also they can share language because people can communicate by talking to each other. They also share their costumes because they share a lot with the world filled with Immigrants. Immigrants can share their art because people can enjoy their paintings.

To sum up, immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture and new ideas. I have learned many things about immigrants.





Immigrants Enrich Our Country

ALEXANDER



ur country is full of people who immigrated around the globe. Have you heard of an immigrant before? It's a person who travels around the globe to meet family members and friends to share there culture with the family members.

Immigrants share there culture by bringing things from their country, like types of foods, dances and sports they play in their country. And some of the art is from other countrys. And also decorations. And they teach us too. Like languages and foods they eat. And celebrations like Kwanzaa and Chinese New Years. Also foods like burgers, french fries and burritos. Immigrants don't just travel once. They can travel more. Once they can do it 5 times or more. And they can teach us words we never knew like enrich, immigrant.

The people who immigrate to this country become entrepreneurs too. To conclude, I wonder if you enjoyed what I wrote. I have learned many things about immigrants.





Immigrants Enrich Our Country

ANGELIE



Do you eat with your grandmother? Well I do. Do you know what an immigrant is? Well I do! An immigrant is a person that leaves their country and travels to another country to live. They enrich our country by helping our economy and sharing new ideas.

Immigrants enrich our country by sharing their culture. Immigrants share their language. For example, immigrants who speak spanish can teach other people how to speak their language. Immigrants share their food. La Morada is an authentic Mexican restaurant. They will explain how to make their food.

Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. If you don't know what economy means, well I do. Economy means the money that we earn from working and owning a business. La Morada was not built with a manager. They built their own restaurant and cooked and cooked. La Morada is a restaurant that sold food for money not for free. The government took the money and built streets and built homes and also built a hospital.



All About Immigrants

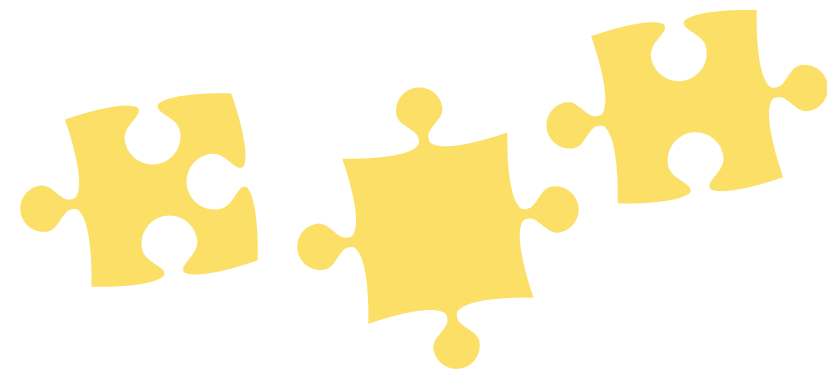
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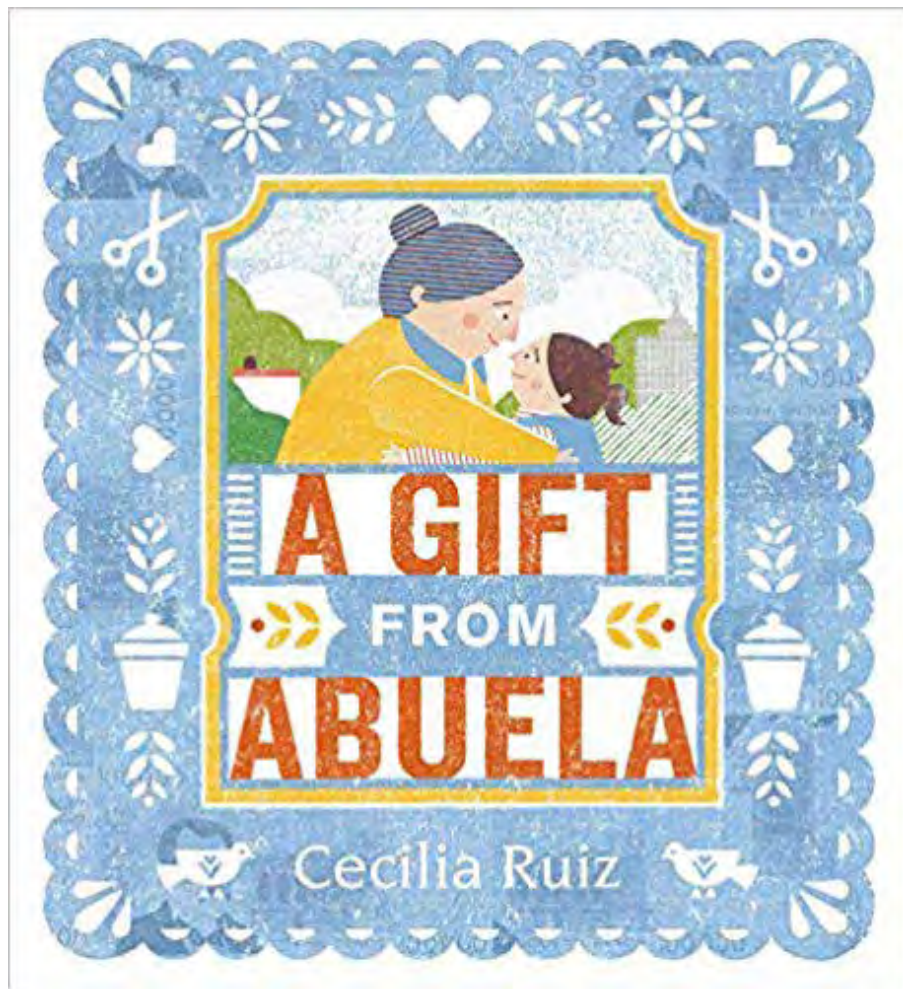
Hey you do you know what's an immigrant? I know what's an immigrant. An immigrant is someone that helps are economy and by telling us their culture and by telling us why they moved to the U.S.A. Immigrants enrich our country by helping our economy. You must be saying in your head, what does economy mean? Well economy means our country's money. And you know how we earn this money, by immigrants starting business like La Morado. This is a resterant we went to.

Our country can use immigrants tax money by paying bills and buying things. They even start their own business. I can connect to La Morada helping our economy because the sign said Immigrant People Allowed. Thats how immigrants enrich and help our economy. Immigrants enrich our country by sharing new ideas. You might not know what enrich means. Well, enrich means make better. Immigrants can share with you why they moved to the U.S.A and how they moved and their community and ideas like new dances and art.

Again I hope you enjoyed all the facts and details I shared about helping our economy and by sharing their culture. I have learned many things about immigrants!



ABOUT THE VISITING AUTHOR

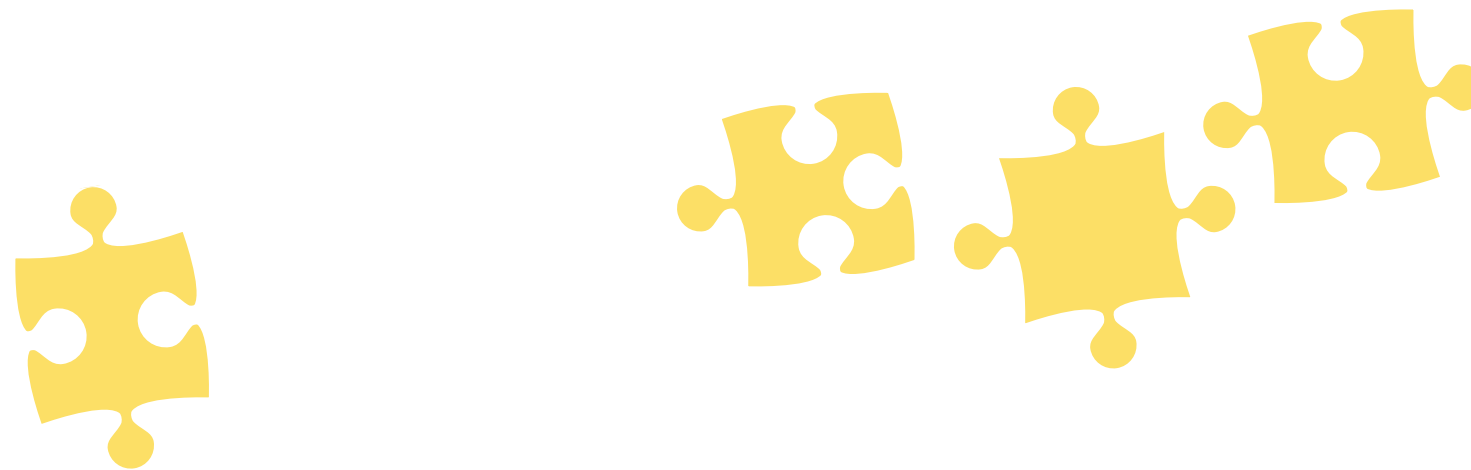


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CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.1

Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.2

Determine the main idea of a text; recount the key details and explain how they support the main idea.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.RI.3.7

Use information gained from illustrations (e.g., maps, photographs) and the words in a text to demonstrate understanding of the text (e.g., where, when, why, and how key events occur).

Writing

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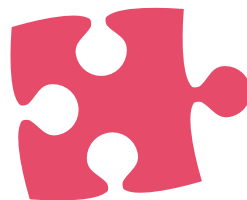
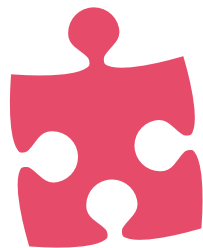
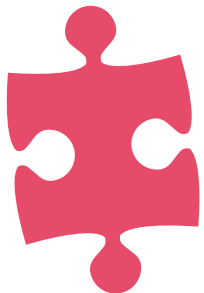
Introduce a topic and group related information together; include illustrations when useful to aiding comprehension.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.2.B

Develop the topic with facts, definitions, and details.

CCSS.ELA-LITERACY.W.3.5

With guidance and support from peers and adults, develop and strengthen writing as needed by planning, revising, and editing.



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