

Role Card Information Sheet

Who you are:

My name is _____.

I was born in _____
(home country)

I came to America in _____ when I was _____ years old.
(year)

Reason for leaving:

I came to America because

Journey Over (how I traveled, who I came with):

I traveled to America

Three facts about my new life in America:

Things I brought with me to America:

Why I brought this:



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Choose one of the following writing activities to compete. Try to include the information from your role card in your work.

1. Keep a journal as if you are the person on your role card. Write three journal entries: the first as if you are in your homeland deciding to leave and making preparations to go to America; the second as if you are on your journey over, and the third as if you have already arrived.
2. Write a letter to a friend or family member in your homeland describing your new life and persuading them to join you, or discouraging them from coming to America.
3. Make a list of what the person on your role card brought with them when they came to America. What does each of these items tell us about the culture of the person on your role card? Write a paragraph as if you are the person on your role card describing your culture. Add a paragraph about what you might do to preserve or maintain that culture now that you are in America.