



HUDDLED MASS OR SECOND CLASS?

Challenging Anti-Immigrant Bias in the U.S.

Additional Resources on Immigration

WEB SITES

Anti-Defamation League, http://www.adl.org/civil_rights/immigration.asp

Offers reports and resources that expose anti-immigrant discrimination and bigotry, and advocate for meaningful and substantive immigration policy.

American Immigration Law Foundation, <http://www.immigrationpolicy.org>

Provides resources that increase public understanding of immigration law and policy and the value of immigration to American society; includes a curriculum center.

Dreams Across America, <http://www.dreamsacrossamericaonline.org>

A nationwide journey via train that educates the public to dispel myths, give real facts and share personal stories about the need for just and humane immigration reform.

Ellis Island, <http://www.ellisland.org>

Provides information about the history of Ellis Island and genealogy; allows users to search family histories and read and share personal immigration stories.

Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, <http://www.civilrights.org/issues/immigration>

Offers educational materials on immigration and tracks legislation, court decisions and issues affecting the enforcement of immigration law.

My Immigration Story, <http://www.myimmigrationstory.com>

Includes the stories of American immigrants in their own words.

National Council of La Raza, <http://www.nclr.org>

Includes publications, speeches and information on policy and programs related to immigration.

National Immigration Forum, <http://www.immigrationforum.org>

Advocates for the value of immigrants and immigration to the nation; offers policy, action and research centers as well as community resources and publications.

Tenement Museum, <http://www.tenement.org>

Promotes tolerance and historical perspective through the presentation and interpretation of the variety of immigrant and migrant experiences on Manhattan's Lower East Side. Includes stories, lesson plans and other information.

Truth in Immigration, <http://www.truthinimmigration.org>

Serves as a watchdog for communications about immigrants and to research, collect, and rebut legal and factual inaccuracies about immigrants.

U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants, <http://www.refugees.org>

Addresses the needs and rights of persons in forced or voluntary migration worldwide by advancing public policy and providing professional services.

VIDEOS

Crossing Arizona by Joseph Mathew & Daniel DeVivo

This documentary offers multiple perspectives on the hotly debated issue of illegal immigration as captured at the Arizona border. Seen through the eyes of ranchers, border patrol agents, local politicians, farmers dependent on an illegal work force, humanitarian activists and migrants preparing for their journey north, this documentary addresses the complicated dilemmas presented by the border crisis.

Cinema Guild, 2006, 75 or 55 min versions, VHS/DVD

The Elevator Operator by Jonathan P Skurnik

This short film is a portrait of an immigrant named Eugene. Eugene shuttles passengers up and down in a manual elevator while he discusses his work, his emigration from Chernobyl, the joys of fatherhood and his recent U.S. citizenship. This snapshot takes the viewer deep into the heart of the immigrant experience.

New Day Films, 2004, 8 min, VHS/DVD

Golden Venture by Peter Cohn

This film chronicles the ongoing struggles of passengers who were aboard the Golden Venture, an immigrant smuggling ship that ran aground near New York City in 1993. The Golden Venture crash fed a media circus and became a symbol of a growing national concern over illegal immigration.

New Day Films, 2006, 70 min, VHS/DVD

My Brown Eyes by Jay Koh

A 10 year-old boy, the son of working Korean immigrants, rises and prepares himself for his first day in an American school. Told from a child's point of view, the video reveals the problems he encounters.

Culture For Kids, 1994, 19 min, VHS

The New Americans

This series follows a diverse group of immigrants and refugees as they leave their home and families behind and learn what it means to be new Americans in the 21st century. Segments feature the stories of immigrants from Nigeria, Mexico, Palestinian Territory, Dominica and Nigeria.

PBS, 2003, 3 episodes 60 min each, VHS/DVD

Teen Immigrants: Five American Stories

Five immigrant youth educate young people on issues teen immigrants face and help to break down negative stereotypes, promote respect for diversity and build understanding across lines of color and nationality.

PBS, 1999, 30 minutes, VHS/DVD

PRIMARY LEVEL BOOKS

Angel Child, Dragon Child by Michele Maria Surat

Ut, a Vietnamese girl attending school in the United States, lonely for her mother left behind in Vietnam, makes a new friend who presents her with a wonderful gift.

Scholastic, 1989, 40 pages, grades K-3

Blue Jasmine by Kashmiri Sheth

When twelve-year-old Seema and her family move from their small Indian town to Iowa City, Seema feels like an outsider to the language and traditions, and must cope with the unfamiliarity of a new school system and the hostility of an intolerant classmate.

Hyperion Books for Children, 2006, 192 pages, grades 4 - 7

Coming to America: A Muslim Family's Story by Bernard Wolf

Text and photographs depict the joys and hardships experienced by a Muslim family that immigrates to New York City from Egypt.

Lee & Low Books, 2003, 48 pages, grades 2-5

Drita, My Homegirl by Jenny Lombard

Drita and her family come to New York as refugees from war-torn Kosovo. Even though she barely speaks English, Drita can't wait to start school and make a new best friend. But her new classmates don't make it easy, teasing her about virtually everything.

Penguin Group, 2008, 144 pages, grades 3 - 5

How Many Days to America?: A Thanksgiving Story by Eve Bunting

Refugees from a Caribbean island embark on a dangerous boat trip to the U.S., where they have a special reason to celebrate Thanksgiving.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 1990, 32 pages, grades K - 3

How My Family Lives in America by Susan Kuklin

Through the eyes of four immigrant children, readers see how different families preserve their cultures while becoming part of an American community.

Simon & Schuster, 1998, 40 pages, grades 4 - 6

Just Like Home/Como en Mi Tierra by Elizabeth I. Miller

A young girl shares her experiences of a new life in the United States by comparing those things that are similar to her old home and contrasting those that are different.

Albert Whitman, 2003, 32 pages, grades Pre-K - 3

La Mariposa by Francisco Jimenez

Francisco, an immigrant from Mexico and the son of migrant workers, has difficulty adjusting to first grade in a new school because he doesn't speak English and, to make matters worse, the class bully seems to have it in for him.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2000, 40 pages, grades K - 3

Making It Home: Real-Life Stories from Children Forced to Flee by Beverly Naidoo

Children living all over the world speak about being forced to flee their homes as refugees. With maps, brief histories of each country, and an eight-page photo insert, this book helps young people understand the world and the children who share the dream of freedom.

Penguin Group, 2005, 117 pages, grades 4 & up

Mountains to Climb by Richard M. Wainwright

Roberto and his one-eyed llama leave their home in the Andes Mountains to live with Roberto's aunt and uncle. Roberto spends two years in the U.S. and overcomes prejudice against him and two students with physical disabilities.

Family Life Publishing, 1990, 64 pages, grades 4 - 6

Who Belongs Here?/Quien Es de Aqui? by Margy Burns Knight

The story of Nary, a young boy fleeing war-torn Cambodia for the safety of the U.S., teaches compassion for recent immigrants while sharing the history of immigration in the U.S. and some of the important contributions made by past immigrants.

Tilbury House Publishers, 2003, 30 pages, grades 2 - 5

SECONDARY LEVEL BOOKS

The Arrival by Shaun Tan

This wordless graphic novel chronicles an immigrant's parting from his family and journey toward the future in a new land that is simultaneously ominous and hopeful.

Scholastic, Inc., 2007, 128 pages, grades 7 & up

Colors of Freedom: Immigrant Stories by Janet Bode

Features interviews with people whose ancestors were slaves or slave owners and high school students who are immigrants themselves. They describe the customs of their native lands and compare their lives there to those in the United States.

Scholastic Library Publishing, 2000, 144 pages, grades 6 & up

The Crossing by Gary Paulsen

Thirteen-year-old Manny, a street kid fighting for survival in a Mexican border town, develops a strange friendship with a tormented American soldier who decides to help him get across the border.

Scholastic, Inc., 2005, 114 pages, grades 8 & up

Forty-Cent Tip: Stories of New York Immigrant Workers by Students of Three New York International High Schools

Through black-and-white photographs and essays, students new to the U.S. present first-person stories of the working lives of immigrants from their New York City neighborhoods.

Next Generation Press, 2006, 72 pages, grades 6 & up

First Crossing: Stories about Teen Immigrants by Donald R. Gallo

Stories of recent Mexican, Venezuelan, Kazakh, Chinese, Romanian, Palestinian, Swedish, Korean, Haitian and Cambodian immigrants reveal what it is like to face prejudice, language barriers and homesickness along with common teenage feelings and needs.

Candlewick Press, 2004, 240 pages, grades 7 & up

I Might Get Somewhere: Oral Histories of Immigration and Migration by Students at Balboa High School

Gathered, recorded, and edited by students, this anthology of oral histories includes more than 100 stories of immigration to the United States and a foreword by author Amy Tan.

826 Books, 2005, 333 pages, grades 7 & up

Kids Like Me: Voices of the Immigrant Experience by Judith M. Blohm and Terri Lapinsky

This book features 26 personal narratives that explore the experiences of young immigrants and share their unique cultural identities. It also includes discussion questions, self-directed activities and research ideas.

Intercultural Press, 2006, 296 pages, grades 6 & up

Newest Americans by Greenwood Publishing

This five-volume set contains the history of immigration to the U.S., a timeline of immigration legislation, a discussion of various immigration issues and profiles of 34 countries, with a focus on the experiences of American immigrants.

Greenwood Publishing, 2003, 144 pages, grades 6 & up

REMIX: Conversations with Immigrant Teenagers by Marina Budhos

Intimate conversations and interviews with teenagers from all over the world, including Muslim girls from traditional families, Hmong athletes and Koreans facing extreme pressures to succeed.

Resource Publications, 2007, 145 pages, grades 6 & up

What Rights Should Illegal Immigrants Have? by Lori Newman

Includes selections from varying perspectives by a number of different writers on legal, social, and economic issues, such as the effects of profiling on Muslims at airports, health care and college tuition for illegal immigrants and the impact of the war on terrorism on their rights.

Gale Group, 2006, 90 pages, grades 9 & up