INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETIES 7

Migration Investigation 2019

UNIT DETAILS		
Unit number / title: Demography		
SOI:	The population of human societies changes due to a variety of processes and sustainable development can help to promote more equity in these societies.	
Concepts:	Change	

Goal:	To write an essay evaluating the impact of migration on a country of your choice	
Audience:	This is an academic paper. Your audience is your teacher and anyone who demonstrates an interest in your topic.	PUSH
Product:	This project has multiple assessed parts Part 1: Identifying a migration and its push and pull factors Part 2: Creating a good question (Investigating) Part 2: Research (Investigating) Part 3: Outline your essay(Communication) Part 4: Write Essay (Communication/Critical thinking)	PULL

CONDITIONS, REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES		
Due date/time allowed:	 Due: Monday, March 11 Two weeks of class time and home time to prepare 	
Requirements and conditions:	 Requirements: You must write an academic essay, that is in paragraph format You must answer the question as it is asked You must include specific evidence to support your thesis statement. You must show analytical skills (how does the evidence help answer the question) You must turn in your research log and a bibliography 	
Resources/links:	 Seisen Library Britannica School The Library- Book Shelf 	

	 Bitesize Population and Migration MLA Citation Generator
Assessment	For a top level on Investigating (Criterion B) Your research question is clear and focused on an issue relating to migration Your research action plan is well stated and will be an effective way of gathering evidence for your project Your research sheet is completed and has varied information from appropriate sources For top level on Communication (Criterion C) You clearly communicate your understanding You organize your essay in a way that best shows your understanding You create a list of sources using MLA citation For top level on Thinking Critically (Criterion D) Everything in your essay is analyzed in terms of your question You address multiple perspectives concerning your topic in your project The examples you choose to include do an excellent job of showing an understanding of your topic with well-supported arguments You use varied information from different sources you have researched to come up with independent analysis

INVESTIGATION PROCESS

Mexico Migration to the U.S.

Due: March 11



ESSAY QUESTION: Discuss the positive and negative impacts of the Mexican migration to the U.S.? (economically, socially, and environmentally)

IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MIGRATION ON the U.S. Source 1 Citation: https://youtu.be/c9BQaRwLMYw MLA Format here: Geographer Online "(5) Migration - Mexico to the United States of America - Case Study - YouTube." Youtube.com, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9BQaRwLMYw&t=362s . Accessed 20 Feb. 2019.		
NEGATIVE IMPACT	 On America: (Illegal migration) Costs the U.S. a LOT (patrols, prisons) Cause social problems (race, cultural issues) Mexican workers send their money to their country, which could've been spent for the U.S. economy Health issues have been increasing (tuberculosis) 	

On Mexico: Shortage of economically active people
 Many women are left (a lot of men leave) Many people have died on the way to the U.S.
 Criminal organizations profit because of the demand to enter the U.S.

IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MIGRATION ON the U.S.		
Source 2 Citation: https://geographyas.info/population/population/mexico-to-usa-migration/ MLA Format here: Alex Jackson. "Mexico to USA Migration." <i>Geographyas.info</i> , 13 Sept. 2015, https://geographyas.info/population/mexico-to-usa-migration/ . Accessed 20 Feb. 2019.		
POSITIVE IMPACT	 America: Mexican cultures are being more spread allowing America's cultural diversity to improve As a result of Mexicans not being able to speak English fluently, Spanish is now being taught in many schools Mexican migrants take low-paying jobs Mexico: Migrants send the money that they get back to Mexico (to their families) 	
NEGATIVE IMPACT	 America: Mexicans cannot speak English fluently even if they've been living in America for a while (causing tension with the citizens) Increase in crime rates (drug trafficking) As the Mexicans are taking low-paying jobs, which cause the wages to stay low Mexico: The birth rate is decreasing in Mexico because many men are migrating, leaving many women alone (many young people are leaving too) Shortage of young and skilled potential workers Shortage of farmers (=shortage of food) 	

IDENTIFY AND EXPLAIN THE POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE IMPACTS OF MIGRATION ON the U.S.		
Source 3 Citation: https://www.scribd.com/doc/281555522/case-study-mexico-usa-migration . "Scribd, https://www.scribd.com/doc/281555522/case-study-mexico-usa-migration . Accessed 1 Mar. 2019.		
POSITIVE IMPACT	America: Mexican culture is spread and is tolerated 4% of America's GDP is from Mexican immigrants More Mexicans will be able to vote and there will be an impact on future policy making	

NEGATIVE IMPACT	 America: Racism, discrimination (=civil unrest extremism) More ghettos (slums) The money Mexicans get are mostly sent back to their country (remittances) Mexicans job productivity is low Political pressure (government) (due to the population increase) there will be more stress on the environmental systems (and habitat loss)
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Essay: Insert your research question here: What are the positive and negative impacts of the Mexican migration to the U.S.? (economically, socially, and environmentally)

• See here for a suggested scaffold for your essay

Migration is the movement of a person or a group of people from one place to settle in another. The majority of migration refers to the movement from one country to another (international/external migration), but it can also refer to the movement within a country (internal/domestic migration). In addition, migration can be voluntary or forced and the fundamental reason for it as a whole is for a better living. There are many reasons why Mexicans are migrating to the U.S. For instance, a majority of them migrate to the U.S. for a better, higher-paying job and a better quality of life. The Mexican migration has impacted the U.S. in various ways,

both positively and negatively. Some positive impacts can relate to the improvements in cultural diversity and the solution for national issues. The negative impacts can connect to social tensions, remittances, and the effects on the environment.

The Mexican migration to the U.S. has several positive impacts on the U.S. One major positive impact the Mexican migration has on the U.S. is the spread of Mexican culture. For instance, Mexican food such as burritos and tacos have become extremely popular in the U.S., and Mexican music and art culture has also significantly improved the cultural diversity in the U.S (geographyas, 2015). In addition, these different cultures are slowly creating a society where people understand and have tolerance for others' cultures (scribd.com). The Mexican migration has also provoked an impact in American schools. As a large number of the migrants cannot speak English fluently, Spanish is now a common language to be taught in local schools. This is allowing young students to have more knowledge on a variety of cultures and will give them more career opportunities in the future. Moreover, it is said by some that it helps ease social tensions in the community. Another positive impact the Mexican migration has on the U.S. is the increasing GDP. According to scribd.com, 4% of America's total GDP is from Mexican migrants. This tells us that although some say that the Mexican migrants are taking low-paying jobs which are keeping everyone else's wages to stay low, the Mexicans are still supporting and helping America's GDP to stay high or increase. Furthermore, as the U.S. is a very economically developed country, it has the issue of an aging population and a decreasing fertility rate. The Mexican migrants are immensely helping with this issue as many young, healthy, and skilled people are coming to the U.S. and taking open jobs that were needed to be taken. Therefore, for these reasons, we can see that the Mexican migration to the U.S. has many positive impacts.

While there are many positive impacts the Mexican migration has on the U.S., there are also many negative impacts that affect the U.S. socially, economically, and environmentally. One major negative aspect of the Mexican migration to the U.S. is that a lot of the money that Mexicans get from their jobs in America are sent back to Mexico. This is called remittance and it impacts the U.S. negatively because the money that got sent back could have been used positively for the U.S. economy. Another impact the Mexican migration has on the U.S. is that it could be bringing in several unwanted effects. Research by pewresearch.org has found that in 2016, nearly half of the immigration from Mexico (to the U.S.) was illegal. It is said by some that these illegal immigrants are bringing and spreading dangerous diseases such as tuberculosis (Geographer Online, 2017). This leads to the problem about social tension in the U.S. In addition, other factors causing social tension can include the lack of Mexican immigrants' English skills and the low job productivity of Mexicans. Furthermore, the Mexican migration to the U.S. has caused an increase in crime rates concerning violence, drug trafficking, and homicides. As Mexico is known to be a country associated with drug trafficking, it is said by some that they are secretly bringing in drugs to the U.S. Additionally, as Mexicans are migrating to the U.S., many segregated

areas and slums/ghettos are being created. Finally, the Mexican migration to the U.S. has also made negative environmental impacts. As a result of the population in the U.S. increasing, the environment is getting stressed in numerous ways. For instance, the demand for essential supplies and resources are increasing and more waste is being produced, causing more landfill sites to be created. According to scribd.com, it is estimated that more than 2,000 tons of trash is discarded in Arizona's borderlands every year. This tells us that the Mexican migration is affecting and resulting in environmental issues which could lead to massive major global problems such as population growth. Thus, we can see that the Mexican migration is impacting the U.S. negatively in several ways.

Overall, we can conclude that the Mexican migration impacts the U.S. in countless ways, both positively and negatively, and in ways that can impact the government, the economy, and the environment of the U.S. We can also say that migration in general can affect and connect to various aspects of our everyday lives.

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Task-specific clarification

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Criterion B: Investigating

Level	MYP descriptor	Indicator
1-2	 identifies a research questions that is clear, focused and relevant formulates a limited action plan or does not follow a plan collects and records limited or sometimes irrelevant information, with guidance, reflects on the research process and results to a limited extent 	 Your research question deals with migration, but does not allow for analysis Your research action plan is incomplete and shows minimal thought about how to gather evidence for your project Your research sheet is incomplete, with the majority of the information missing All of your Information is from inappropriate sources
3-4	 formulates/chooses a research question that is clear and focused and describes its relevance formulates and occasionally follows a partial action plan to investigate a research question uses a method(s) to collect and record some relevant information with guidance, reflects on the research process and results 	 Your research question deals with migration but does not allow for minimal analysis Your research action plan is somewhat complete but shows minimal thought about how to gather evidence for your project Your research sheet is completed, but with minimal effort Information is from inappropriate sources
5-6	 formulates/chooses a research question that is clear and focused and describes its relevance in details formulates and mostly follows a sufficiently developed action plan to investigate a research question uses method or methods to collect and record appropriately relevant information with guidance, evaluates on the research process and results 	 Your research question is clear Your research action plan is well stated and shows thought about how to gather evidence for your project Your research sheet is completed and has information from mostly appropriate sources Information is from appropriate sources
7-8	 formulates/chooses a clear and focused research question and explains its relevance formulates and effectively follows a consistent action plan to investigate a research question uses method or methods to collect and record appropriately and varied relevant information with guidance, provides a detailed evaluation on the research process and results 	 Your research question is clear and focused on an issue relating to migration Your research action plan is well stated and will be an effective way of gathering evidence for your project Your research sheet is completed and has varied information from appropriate sources Information is from varied and appropriate sources

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Criterion C: Communicating

Level	MYP descriptor	Indicator
1-2	 communicates information and ideas in a style that is not always clear organizes information and ideas in a limited way inconsistently lists sources 	 You make a limited attempt to communicate your understanding, either written or verbally You make a limited attempt to organize your essay in a way that shows your understanding You create a list of sources, but it is not effective.
3-4	 communicate information and ideas in a way that is somewhat clear somewhat organizes information and ideas creates an adequate reference list and sometimes cites sources. 	 You attempt to communicate your understanding, either written or verbally You attempt to organize your essay in a way that shows your understanding You create a list of sources using only URLS
5-6	 communicate information and ideas in a style that is most appropriate to the audience and purpose mostly structures information and ideas according to the task instructions creates an adequate reference list and usually cites sources. 	 You communicate your understanding, either written or verbally You organize your essay in a way that shows your understanding You create a list of sources using MLA citation, with some errors
7-8	 communicate information and ideas in a way that is completely appropriate to the audience and the purpose structure information and ideas completely according to the task instructions create a complete reference list and always cites sources. 	 You clearly communicate your understanding, either written or verbally You organize your essay in a way that best shows your understanding You create a list of sources using MLA citation

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Criterion D: Thinking critically

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Level	MYP descriptor	Indicator
1-2	begin to analyze concepts, issues, model, visual representation and/or theories in a limited way begin to identify connections between information to make simple arguments recognize the origin and purpose of few sources/data as well as a few values/limitations or the sources/data identify different perspectives	 Your project has made a limited attempt to analyze in terms of your question, but often you stray from your topic or do not fully analyze your examples You identify multiple perspectives concerning your topic in your project The examples you choose to include do not relate to your topic Your project does not include research
3-4	 complete a simple analysis of concepts, issues, model, visual representation and/or theories in a limited way summarize information to make some adequate arguments analyzes sources/data in terms of the origin and purpose, recognizing some values/limitations or the sources/data recognizes different perspectives and suggest some of their implications. 	 Your project has analysis in terms of your question, but often you stray from your topic or do not fully analyze your examples You make a limited attempt to present multiple perspectives concerning your topic in your project The examples you choose to include suggest an understanding of your topic You use the information you researched in your project, but do not fully analyze the information
5-6	 complete a substantial analysis of concepts, issues, model, visual representation and/or theories in a limited way summarize information to make usually valid arguments analyzes sources/data in terms of the origin and purpose, usually recognizing values/limitations clearly recognizes different perspectives and describes most of their implications 	 Most of your project has analysis in terms of your question You attempt to address multiple perspectives concerning your topic in your project The examples you choose to include do an effective job of showing an understanding of your topic You use the information you researched to effectively come up with independent analysis
7-8	 complete a detailed analysis of concepts, issues, model, visual representation and/or theories in a limited way summarize information to consistent, well-supported arguments effectively analyzes a range of sources/data in terms of the origin and purpose, consistently recognizing values/limitations clearly recognizes different perspectives and consistently explains their implications. 	 Everything in your presentation is analyzed in terms of your question You address multiple perspectives concerning your topic in your project The examples you choose to include do an excellent job of showing an understanding of your topic with well-supported arguments You use varied information from different sources you have researched to come up with independent analysis