

Culture

Writing Ideas

- 1) Research three different Native American tribes. Compare their histories, their homes, their traditions, and their present-day presence. (Possible tribes: Choctaw, Houma, Hopi, Navajo, Cherokee, Pawatomi, Arapahoe)
- 2) Write three journal entries that describe your work as you designed/carved a totem pole for your tribe. (Research totem poles first.)
- 3) Research the effect on the people and wildlife of the sea ice melting where Native American tribes live near the Arctic Circle.
- 4) Draw and write directions for carving some of the tools the Native Americans used.
- 5) Analyze and describe the Native American's view of taking care of the earth and family through the Four R's: relationship, redistribution, responsibility, and reciprocity.
- 6) Interview the director of the Buder Center for American Indian Studies to discover all that it offers and then write a newspaper article highlighting the center.
- 7) Research the Pow wow. Write a paragraph each about the costumes, traditions, getting eagle feathers, the different types of dance and the women's roles in the Pow wow.
- 8) Research the different ceremonies that were important to the Native Americans through the years.
- 9) Write a journal entry that a boy would write after performing in his first Pow wow.
- 10) Describe the difference between being an immigrant versus a refugee.
- 11) Describe the services that The International Institute provides.
- 12) Pick one of the immigrants or refugees interviewed. Write three journal entries of their experiences in life from the videos. Write a paragraph that describes the country they left.
- 13) Describe the laws that were imposed by apartheid.
- 14) Pick and describe five concepts, tools, food, or traditions that have been brought to the United States by immigrants.
- 15) Compare the conflicts in Bosnia and Somalia.
- 16) Describe what refugee camps are for and what life is like in the refugee camps.
- 17) Interview someone from the Old St. Louis Restoration Group to find out how they are revitalizing neighborhoods.
- 18) Research the start and end to the Mullanphy Emigrant Home that started in 1867.
- 19) Interview someone from the International Institute to find out how it started, and all the services offered.
- 20) Research two St. Louis names that were in the Missouri State Archives book from the old courthouse records as immigrants arrived to become citizens: Adolphus Busch and Joseph Pulitzer.

- 21) Describe the area known as the German Triangle and describe some of the culture that Germany brought to these areas.
- 22) Why do you think the immigrants had to foreswear allegiance to their former countries as they signed the book to become a citizen?
- 23) Research the education needed and job requirements for an archivist or a historian.
- 24) Write a set of steps for researching your own past.
- 25) Describe and analyze the reasons why St. Louis was a destination for many immigrants. Also find why the number of immigrants dropped off in the late 1800s.
- 26) Describe the cultural impact of migration on the immigrants to a specific area, like St. Louis, in the 1800s.
- 27) Draw and describe the trip many immigrants took in a steamboat from Louisiana.
- 28) Write five journal entries for an immigrant arriving to St. Louis and the Mullanphy Emigrant Home.
- 29) Describe the influences of the Irish, French, Germans, and Italians in the 1800s in the St. Louis area.
- 30) Research the original plans for North St. Louis made in 1816 to be stronger than the city of St. Louis.
- 31) Interview the owner of Crown Candy, started in 1913 in north St. Louis (or any businesses in north St. Louis). Find out how it has survived all the changes over the years.
- 32) Study the architecture of north St. Louis and describe your three favorite buildings.
- 33) Describe the urban decay of the 60s and 70s and describe the changes that caused people to leave, including the highway taking homes.