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OUR FAVORITE ACTIVITIES

Oliver's Favorite Activity

Jorge Chamorro, L O

Prof. A. Addy



Oliver is my best friend. He is from Ecuador. He has four sisters and one brother. He studies biotechnology at Universidad Central del Ecuador. He likes to read, as this is his favorite activity.

He likes to read because books are very important for learning. He likes to read history books and biographies of important people because they have great ideas to change the world. He

also likes to read publications on technology on the Internet, only for entertainment.

When he wants a book, he searches the Internet or libraries in his college because he does not have money to pay for books. He always sends me links of websites or books that he liked. I read books, but not everything because I do not have

time. He learns a lot from the books and publications, and every day he tells me what he learned.

I think that reading is very important for him because he wants to learn some new thing every day, and the books help him with this. For this reason, reading is very important in his life.

"The best advice I ever got was that knowledge is power and to keep reading."

David Bailey

Library

Christian Torres, L O

Prof. I. DelRosso

The library is a good place for students. It's an ideal space to do homework and study. At Hudson County Community

College we can find a large library that has a lot of books.

The library has two floors. On the first floor we can find on the right a small cafeteria. In front of the cafeteria we see a study section. This

library has 35 computers to research information on the internet. There are 30 students in this room.

In the center of the library, there is an information desk in case we need help. Behind we can see a periodicals section. Next to the periodicals, there are bookshelves and encyclopedias. In the corner, we can see some printers.

On the second floor, I see a large number of shelves full of books. On this floor there are more than 30 computers and an information desk. There are people on this floor too.

In this library, I feel very good. There is tranquility to study. It's also very well equipped for students.



Beirut Restaurant

Melk Marlin, L O

Prof. S. Bakula

Beirut is my favorite restaurant, and my family likes this restaurant, too. It is on Maine Ave. in Clifton, New Jersey. We like this restaurant for many reasons. It is a large place. It has good food, fast services, and not high prices.

First, Beirut Restaurant is a big and elegant restaurant. There are many tables against the wall. There is decoration on the wall. There is a big TV in the middle of the restaurant. They play classical music that comes from every corner of the room. There is a games section for children. There is a family section for families. There is party

department, so we can have all birthday parties there.



Second, Beirut Restaurant has good food. I order kebab and shish taouk. My husband orders spicy shrimp with spaghetti, and our children order French fries and hot dogs for the main course. Then we order salad and soup. After that, we order ice cream for dessert. We like Beirut's ice cream because it's very delicious.

Third, Beirut's service is very fast. The restaurant has a good smell.

Waitresses are very helpful and kind. Music is very slow and quiet, so I can talk with my husband. There are interesting games in the game section, so my children like this restaurant.

Beirut Restaurant is not expensive and the games section is free, so we can go there every week on the weekend. We can do all birthday parties there. We can meet our friends in Beirut Restaurant.

All in all, we are happy in Beirut Restaurant because everything is good there. It's big and clean. It has good food and quick service. Prices aren't high, and our children are happy because they play games. I thank my friend Merna because she told me about this restaurant, and how we can go there.

Eat Out

Crismeyris A. Rodriguez Nunez, L O

Prof. A. Addy



Every Sunday, my family and I like to eat out. We like to enjoy the weekend with our favorite food: Dominican food.

My mother, daughter and I love Dominican food. Every

Sunday we go to Juana y Chana Restaurant. The restaurant is located at 1505 Summit Avenue in Union City. It is a beautiful and small place.

We go there by car. When we are there, we take a table with two chairs, and I ask for a baby chair for my daughter. We do not look at the menu, because we know the food that we want to eat. We always eat the same food.

My mother likes to eat spaghetti,

salad and French bread. She washes it down with a cup of red wine. She likes whipped cream for dessert. My daughter likes to eat French fries and fried chicken, and she drinks soda. She likes chocolate ice cream for dessert. I like to eat lasagna, salad and a bagel, and I drink orange juice. For dessert, I like chocolate cake.

I love to eat out because I can eat my favorite Dominican food. It also lets me spend time with my mother and daughter.



"Whoever said money can't buy happiness simply didn't know where to go shopping."

Gertrude Stein



"When was the last time you spent a quiet moment just doing nothing - just sitting and looking at the sea, or watching the wind blowing the tree limbs, or waves rippling on a pond, a flickering candle or children playing in the park?"

Ralph Marston

My Favorite Activity

Basma Mekhaiel, L O

Prof. S. Bakula

My favorite activity is shopping. I go shopping every day because I don't have work, and I have time to shop. I usually buy different things. The name of my supermarket is Shoprite. It's big store. I buy milk, fruit, vegetables, and meat. I don't buy very much. I buy the same items every day because they are always fresh.

I also go to the drug-

store. I buy the toothpaste, soap, or medicine for my children because they are often sick. I go to the hardware store if I need nails or screws. I like to fix things around the house. I often buy things on sale "buy one, get one free" because I like discounts. I don't like to stand in line. Also, I always read the expiration dates of the products be-

cause that is important.

I usually buy important items for my make up like lipstick. I also like buying clothes, bags, and shoes, perfumes and accessories, but not every day. I buy those things on occasions such as for birthdays and parties, trips and travel.

All in all, I like my favorite activity, shopping, because I feel happy when I shop.

Going to the Park

Antoni Bouless, L O

Prof. J. Karnicka

Most people like stores, restaurants, etc, but my favorite place is the park area. I like it more than any other place in the world. I always like to go to the park every weekend. I like to do that with my family to spend some time in a refreshing and beautiful atmosphere.

There are a lot of trees. Some of them are very tall, and others are short. I like to look at those trees, and sit under them. There are also many different types of flowers that give

the place more beauty. I love flowers of all kinds. When I see those flowers, I feel comfortable. The magical smell of flowers spreads in the air. That is not all because there are also birds and some beautiful small animals that climb the trees. When I want to enjoy a beautiful view, I sit in front of the lake. There are small lakes with wonderful blue water. The lake is one of the most wonderful things in the park, so I always sit on the bank of the lake

and enjoy looking at the blue sky and water. The touch of nature present in the park is highly increased by the presence of the lake.

Sweet and fresh air in the park areas is simply wonderful. All the components of the park area make the place quiet and comfortable. The natural scenery and everything there make us forget our work for a while and make us realize that we are sons of the nature.

CELEBRATIONS

My Favorite Place

Rosa Villablanca, L O

I like to visit different places with my family on the weekends, but the next one I want to go is Rockefeller Center to see the Christmas tree.

The Rockefeller Center is a popular location in the center of Manhattan. It looks very interesting. It has many lights. There are large buildings. There are a lot of people every

time. There are many trees on the streets, and there are famous stores, but I want to go there next weekend because they show the famous Christmas tree. People from all over the world come to New York to visit it.

My children like to skate in the ice rink next to the Christmas tree. It is

my family tradition to drink hot chocolate in that place. We also stop to see the lights and the music show in the buildings in front of the tree. Even if it is cold, we still like to go and enjoy this traditional family activity during this season.

My family and I look forward for the weekend to visit the Rockefeller Center Christmas tree.



My Daughter's Birthday

Shimaa Abdallah, L O

My daughter's name is Salma. She is the only daughter I have. She shines my life. One year ago was the first birthday party for my daughter. She was born on June 3, 2005.

I celebrated it with my husband, my family, and my friends. I prepared many things for this occasion. I bought a new dress for my girl and another one for me. We stayed home.

My sister and I went shopping. I bought many things. For example, I

bought balloons, sweets, meat, snacks, and flowers. I cleaned my home and put flowers and balloons everywhere in the house and outside. I called my family and friends to attend my daughter's birthday.

I made dinner for everyone. I grilled meat, prepared salad, fried chicken and made yellow rice and a special cake for the birthday.

We were all happy on this day. My family and

my friends brought more gifts for my girl. We sang "Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you, Happy birthday dear Salma., Happy Birthday to you." We took photos of everyone in the celebration and the special photo of the Star of the celebration, Salma.

All in all, this was a very special day for me. Everyone was happy. This was the first year for Salma. I wish her the best in this new world. Now I have a new and happy small family.



OUR LIVES IN A NEW COUNTRY

My Busy and Happy Life in the United States

Nevin Botros, L O

Prof. J. Seo



These days, I'm doing a lot of work because my schedule is very busy. I'm cleaning my house for Christmas, and I'm studying hard because I have my final exam next week. I'm helping my children to study, too.

First, I will have my final exams next week. I'm studying hard, and I'm going to all classes because I want to learn English grammar. I'm

studying Writing and Grammar. I'm taking Academic Discussion and Reading. I'm taking four classes. I want to be successful in these classes. I hope to pass these classes.

Second, I'm working hard at home now. I'm making breakfast and lunch and dinner every day. I'm cleaning my house because when Christmas Day comes, my house will be very

nice. I'm decorating my house. I'm putting a Christmas tree in the living room. I'm studying with my children. I'm playing with my little daughter because she is bored after school.

Finally, I will be happy. I love my children. I'm happy with my college. I like my teacher and classmates.

My Schedule

Ehab Eltweel, L O

Prof. I. DelRosso

"Listen, sharing my life with people is just part of my daily routine."

Rita Ora

During the week, I wake up at 7:00 am every morning. I eat breakfast and drink a cup of tea. Then I take a shower. After that, I go to work.

I work from 9:00 am to 5:30 pm. I have lunch from 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm. After work, I go to

the cafe with my friends. We spend a nice time together. I get home at 8:00 pm. I eat dinner and watch TV. I go to bed at 10:00 pm and I fall asleep.

On weekends, I wake up late. I spend more time with my family. We usu-

ally go to the supermarket. Sometimes we go to the park. Sometimes we go to visit relatives. My days are usually busy but they are nice.

My Daily Routine

Denisse Tolentino, L O

Prof. A. Addy

I am married, and I have two children. I study English at Hudson County Community College every day. I have a busy schedule.

In the morning, I wake up at 6:00 am. First, I go to the bathroom to brush my teeth and take a shower. Next, I cook breakfast and eat with my family. After that, I take my children to school. At 10:00 am, I go to Hudson County Community College. I study English every day,

in the morning. My class begins at 11:00 am and ends at 1:45pm.

In the afternoon, when I get back from college, I go to the supermarket to buy fruit, vegetables, groceries, and meat. Next, I go home to cook lunch for my family. Then, I take a shower again. I go to work at La Placita Supermarket. I am a cashier. I begin work at 4:00 p.m. and end at 9:45 p.m.

When I get back home from my work, I cook

dinner and eat with my family. Next, I check the homework with my children, and do my homework. After that, I clean my house and wash the dishes in the dishwasher. Finally at 11:00 p.m., I go to bed to sleep.

In conclusion, I am a busy person because my routine is very busy. I finish my day very tired. My children, my husband, my college and my work leave me very exhausted.

"I want to fit everything I love in my daily routine."

Jessica Jung

My Weekends

Lesley Gabino, L O

Prof. I. DelRosso

On Saturday afternoons, my family and I like to go to my grandparents' home. It is not far from our home. It is on Westervelt Place in Jersey City. My grandparents' house is beautiful. In the dining room, there is a

fireplace. There are two angel decorations on it. There is a large table and we are sitting around it. My grandmother is talking with us. My mom is sitting near her. My grandfather is listening to all she is saying. My

father is watching my brother and I see everyone. They look happy because we are reuniting. My family and I love reuniting, and I love to see them happy.

'If you're lucky enough to still have grandparents, visit them, cherish them and celebrate them while you can.'

Regina Brett

OUR FRIENDS

My Friend, Yolanda

Heina Ponce de Leon, L O

Prof. E. Burke

“To be with old friends is very warming and comforting.”

Ian Ziering

In 1973, when I worked at Banco de Reservas de la Republica Dominicana, one of the best banks in Dominican Republic, I met my friend Yolanda. Back then, she was very responsible, helpful and an easy going person, who never got tired. We always worked together and had lunch at the same time.

She loves to cook healthy food because she takes care about her health. That’s why she keeps her body in good shape and doesn’t gain

weight. Yolanda got divorced from her first husband a long time ago. She has a beautiful daughter, who is married. She has two children, one boy and one girl, and they live in Dallas, Texas.

Actually, Yolanda is now married to a famous baseball player from my country. Both of them are retired from their jobs and have a lot of time to travel and have fun together. Last summer in July, Yolanda

came home with her daughter and stayed in Texas for three days. She also came to New Jersey to visit me. We went to visit ‘September 11 Memorial and Museum’ in the World Trade Center. It was very sad for all of us to remember those days and what happened on September 11, 2001.

I appreciate my friend Yolanda because she is a trusted and sincere friend. That’s why I always keep in touch with her.

My Friend

Samia Heneen, L O

Prof. S. Bakula

“No matter how busy you are, you must take time to make the other person feel important.”

Mary Kay Ash

My friend’s name is Mary. We take classes together. She is friendly, busy, and active.

We go to the college together because we live in the same building. She studies writing and grammar. She wants to learn English because she is new here. Everything here is different. She is confused. She wants to learn the English to help her children at school. We study together at home.

She is friendly. She has many friends. She and I go to

the park every weekend. She likes my family. Her husband works with my husband. She meets friends. We usually go to the ocean every summer. The children are very happy. We take beach chairs and umbrellas. My children and her children play together in the water. They like to build sandcastles.

Mary and I go to the supermarket together every Sunday. We buy meat and drinks and dry foods. I like

chicken, but she doesn’t like chicken. She buys meat and seafood. She likes cooking. Sometimes she helps me in the kitchen.

She is busy. She studies at Hudson Community College with me. She has four children, and she works, too. She is an office assistant at a very busy office place.

All in all, I am happy Mary is my friend. She is a good person, and I like her.

My Best Friend's Daily Routine

Yudelka Tejada, L O

Prof. A. Addy

My best friend is Desireh Oviedo. She has a very busy schedule because she has many responsibilities. She owns a restaurant, and she works in her restaurant for long hours. She is a kind woman.

In the morning, she wakes up at 5:30 a.m. First, she brushes her teeth, and then takes a shower. She goes to the kitchen to make breakfast. Her mom lives with her. Desireh has a big family. She is a single mother. She

has three children, and her mom helps with her children. She sits with her family to have breakfast. After that, Desireh drives to work.

When she gets to her restaurant, she makes sure the place is clean, and everyone working there is ready to serve their customers with a smile. She stays in her office and works on the computer. In the afternoon, she goes to the gym to work out for two hours. She then goes back to finish what she

started doing on the computer. She leaves the office at 6:00 p.m.

In the evening, she returns home, chats with her children and help them do their homework. She loves her mom and her children. Later, she takes a shower, and then she goes to bed to watch TV for thirty minutes before she goes to sleep.

Every Saturday, she goes shopping to the Newport Mall in Jersey City. She goes to the cinema to watch movies with her children. Her schedule does not change. Desireh is very busy every day of the week.

"My work and my family are very important to me."

Stephen Hawking

My Best Friend

Yaime Chirino, L O

Prof. A. Addy

Many years ago, I met a very special person. I lived near her, and we grew up together. Her name is Liliana. She is from Cuba. We were always best friends.

Liliana is tall and thin. She has long curly hair. She has big eyes. She has a thin face. My friend is a beautiful woman. She is also intelligent, friendly, and very respectful.

Now Liliana lives in the United States and is my neighbor. She works in a

day care center. When she has free time, she comes shopping with me. We buy fruit and meat at the supermarket. We pay for the fruit together. Sometimes we go to the cinema with our families. We often go out to lunch on Saturdays. Some Sundays, I prepare lunch and invite her to have lunch with me in my house. She likes to eat my Cuban food. On the weekend, I always watch TV with her at night. She likes

to spend her free time with me.

My friend has two children who are the same age as my son. They do their homework together, and Liliana helps them because she speaks English very well. After that, she plays chess with them. She loves to help people and play with children.

I love Liliana very much, and she loves me too. We are always together enjoying ourselves or crying about bad things in our lives. She will always be my best friend.

"The greatest gift of life is friendship, and I have received it."

Hubert H. Humphrey

VACATIONS

My Trip to the Dominican Republic

Ronald Vargas, L O

Prof. R. Messa

My family and I took a trip last July. We went to the Dominican Republic, our home country. We went by plane from JFK Airport in New York to Las Americas Airport in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. We stayed there for 17 days.



After seventeen wonderful days in our hometown we needed to come back to the United States.

We felt good with our trip. We miss my sister and her children, so we want to go back again next year because we love to spend time with our family and friends back home.

When we arrived, I got our luggage while my mother was in the immigration line. After that, we saw my big sister. We missed her!

We arrived at midnight, and we went to my sister's house. We were tired. The

next day we visited a museum in the country's capital. The following days we visited some old neighborhood friends, and later we went to Boca Chica Beach and to our grandmother's house.

My Trip to Cuba

Saile Cruz Reyes, L O

Prof. R. Messa

Last year I went to Cuba to visit my family. I was with them for two weeks. I went by plane with my friend Yely. The trip took approximately three and a half hours.

Everyone was waiting for me in Cuba, my mom, my dad, and my grandparents. When I arrived, we

went straight home. They had a surprised for me. My grandparents had cooked for the family.

I spent happy weeks there. The return home was fine. School and work began again.

I count the days to go back again although I would also like to

travel to Miami to visit my friends and see that city, because I have heard so much about it.



COMING TO AMERICA

My First Day in the U.S.

Saleh Ghufuran, L 1

Prof. S. Armanious

My first day in the United States was in March 2017. I came to this country with my sisters and my brothers. My family had lived here for twenty years. They are adapting to life in the United States. They live in different states.

When I was on the plane, I was crying all the time, and I was very sad because I was far, and I missed my mother, my best friends and my homeland. Nevertheless, I had mixed feelings when I arrived at the airport. I saw my dad, and I gave him a big hug. In addition, on the first day in the United States, it was winter, so it was snowing. It was the first time for me to see snow. Moreover, when I went home by

car, I was surprised. I saw many things different from my country such as people from different countries and different weather. The buildings also are taller, and the streets are bigger.

When I arrived home, my family visited me and my sisters. We ate dinner together, and we talked about many things about our life. My step mother prepared the dinner. She always makes delicious food.

After that, I slept one hour to refresh my body. Then, my older brother took me and my sisters to Time Square in New York City. We were amazed by the tall buildings and by the many people from different

countries and of different religions. Next, we went to the mall. We bought some clothes and shoes for the snow. However, we spent little time in the mall because we were tired.

All in all, I was stressed on that



My First Day in the USA

Laura Avalos Lara, L 1

Prof. R. Sklar

"I'm living in the present, thinking about the past, hoping for the future."

Paul Auster

The first day in this country was three years ago. When I arrived at the JFK airport, my mother greeted me. She was very happy, and so was I.

After greeting me she took me to my new home in Union City, NJ. When we got home, we left our luggage and went to eat breakfast at a Cuban restaurant.

I really liked breakfast at that place. When we finished, we walked home because I wanted to see the streets of Union City.

When I got home, I took a shower and slept for a couple of hours because the trip was long, and I felt tired. When I woke up, I had lunch with my mother, my sister and

my stepfather. On that day, my mother cooked my favorite food.

That day, I felt very happy because I was reunited with my family after many years, and I was very excited also because I was going to learn new things and a new language.

My Father's Difficult Life

Yokasta Ruiz, L 1

Prof. S. Armanious

"Being a father is a huge responsibility but a satisfying one."

Pierce Brosnan

My father's name is Juan. My dad has a difficult life. He has many responsibilities in our family. Also, my father has to pay all the bills. Therefore, he usually works twelve hours every day including most of the weekends. I know that it is very hard and bad for him.

My daddy doesn't speak English, so he has to work hard to make money. My father arrives home very late, and he cannot see us because when he arrives home, we

are sleeping. My father loves us so much, and that motivates him to keep working patiently without having any rest. He also cannot enjoy being with us because when he leaves home we are sleeping too.

My father has a hard and difficult life because he works so many hours and does not have enough time to rest. Sometimes we are not able to see him on weekends either because we are doing something important for our family. For example we

do the laundry or we do the shopping or the cooking. Moreover, my dad works in construction, and this job is difficult, and he does not have the nicest manager.

All in all, my father is having a very hard life. He is working hard every day to give us a better future and a good life.

My First Two Weeks in the United States

Sandra Vergara, L 1

Prof. N. Atienza



I had mixed feelings when I arrived in the United States on November 18, 2016. I felt happy because I could see my husband. On the other hand, I was sad because I left my mother in Colombia.

During my first week, I felt very sad because I missed home in my native country. Also, I missed my job and my country's food. Moreover, I did not like the weather. It was very cold. I wanted to return to my country, but I couldn't do that because I was married. I had to get used to his country.

The second week was better. It seemed that I forgot thinking about

Colombia and my mother as my husband and I went to visit his family in New York. Meeting my husband's relatives made me feel more comfortable. Some nights, we went to eat dinner with them in restaurants. Additionally, I had a fun time celebrating my birthday. It was a different experience because we went to watch a movie.

During the first two weeks, I was experiencing happiness and sadness. I felt happy because I spent time with my husband. I remember when we dined in a beautiful restaurant. It was amazing. The place was decorated with many flowers! However, at the end of the day, I was sad with the usual thoughts of my mother in Colombia in my mind.

Overall, being away from your family way back in your native coun-



try for the first time will always mean happiness and sadness. I experienced such emotions when I came to the United States. However, I was able to get over sadness. Now, there is so much happiness because I have a beautiful family. Because of this, I can call this place our home.

LIFE IN TWO COUNTRIES

My Life in My Country and Now

Diana Garcia, L I

Prof. S. Armanious

My native country is El Salvador. There, I lived with my grandparents and my aunts in Morazán. In the past, my life was difficult, but I was still happy. Today, I live in Union City, NJ in the United States. Although my life changed in many ways now, I'm feeling happier than in the past.

During my childhood, I suffered from bullying from my classmates in my old school all the time. Also, I had problems with my aunt

every day. I always had to cry in silence because if my aunt knew that, I would probably have had problems with her. However, I was happy when I had time to spend with my grandparents and friends. Also, I was happy when I read a book, watched TV, or played with my toys.

I arrived in this country on December 13, 2014, but I came to this state on December 18, 2014, almost 4 years ago. My beginning in

this country was difficult, but during the four years, I learned something new every day. Here, I'm happy because I am a student at Hudson County Community College now. I am studying for my future career, and I have good support from my teachers and my friends. Moreover, I have a good life with my mother. I can share anything with my mother, and I don't worry about anything. Furthermore, I can afford anything I need now. I really think I can choose this life over the life I had in my country.

In conclusion, my past and my present are very different, but it doesn't matter what happened over there. The most important thing is how I live now, and how I'm progressing in everything I do now.



Here and There

Luis Sanchez, L 1

Prof. R. Sezer

Back in the Dominican Republic I didn't have a beautiful childhood.

Back home I grew up alone with my brothers and sister. Life wasn't easy back then.

When my mother decided to leave the country to come to the United States, we had to stay alone in the house. We were six brothers and sisters, but my two older sisters decided to go to live in Italy, so I had to take the responsibility of the house at a very young age. Back then my dad

had another family, so he couldn't take care of us as he would have wanted. I was put in a position of a parent.

It was very hard for me and my brothers and sister. We had to learn to take care of each other. I had to learn how to cook for all of us, but you know when you are at that age you don't think about any problems. I used to cook and clean every day, so I was very busy. You try to live your life with what you have, so I had to learn how to

survive with little money and to live my life one day at a time.

Here in the United States life is very different. If people come to work hard for their money, they can enjoy the American Dream where nothing is impossible. Here I work hard and have my own business. I was very busy back in the Dominican Republic. I am busy here too, but here I can relax at the end of the day.

"The past cannot be changed. The future is yet in your power."

Unknown

"There's a long life ahead of you and it's going to be beautiful, as long as you keep loving and hugging each other."

Yoko Ono

FRIENDSHIPS

A Friendship

Koulako Toure Camara, L 1

Prof. R. Sezer

Mory and I have been friends for seven years now. I met him in high school. He became my best friend even though we are different.

He is really taller than me. When I stand up behind him nobody can see me! He has dark skin, and his eyes match his skin. My skin is light, and my eyes are brown. His face is oval, and his nose is long. He has small eyes. He is in shape and is skinnier than me. I'm the only one who is fat. He always goes to the gym. His hair is brown, just on the

top. He has a beautiful smile just like me. Both of us have dimples. He likes to dress up. Sometimes we wore the same clothes, and his mother used to call us "twins."

We are so different, but we complete each other like ying and yang. Mory is really sensitive. He cares about me a lot. He doesn't want me to get nervous or mad. He is always happy, but he is a quiet person. He loves to help people. I am his crazy best friend. I always have something to do like go to parties or know if something happens. I have a lot of friends, and he has too. Both of us are friendly. I get mad quickly, but him, he stays calm and prefers to talk. I am a very lazy person, and sometimes I can be an-

noying. Mory, on the other hand, is patient and supports my mood. He is very active. He is always driving his mom somewhere. They are always together. He loves his family.

He recently graduated, and he has his degree. He studied business, and I plan to get my degree in business too. He started to work, and he is happy. Mory has a girlfriend now, and I want them to get married in the future. Now we want to stay focused on our goals. We want to make our parents proud of us.

Our differences make our beauty. We love each other, and I hope we will be fine.



My Friend, Soumia

Aicha Chaa, L 1

Prof. R. Sezer

Soumia has been my friend since we were kids. She is also my husband's

ied together until university. Then she studied science while I studied

ferent in the way we look. She is tall and fat, while I am short and thin. Her face is white and round. Mine is not. She has long black hair, but my hair is short and light brown. Our eyes are brown.

Also, Soumia and I have different personalities. First, she likes parties while I like to stay home and relax. In addition, she wears long dresses while I like to wear different clothes. Also, Soumia likes to eat all the time, but I do not. However, people say both of us are shy. We are also both worried about our grandfather because he is ill.

Finally, I hope to be friends for a long time. Of course, she is my husband's sister. We love each other. She always says, "You are my sister."

sister. We are different in many ways, but we are also similar in a few. I hope to be friends with her for a long time.

Soumia and I have been friends since we were born because her mother and my father are sister and brother. We played together and stud-

commerce. I can rely on her for many things. For example, if I am ill, I can leave my children at Soumia's house. She takes care of them. She got married before me and has two children, a girl and boy. I have two girls.

Soumia and I are dif-



"I always say that when you have friends that are girls, you tell each other everything."

Ella Mai

INTERESTING HOBBIES AND SPORTS

The Guitar Man

Adonis Moreno Acosta, L I

Prof. N. Atienza

"I believe every guitar player inherently has something unique about their playing. They just have to identify what makes them different and develop it."

Jimmy Page

In the past, I did not want to be in front of an audience. I felt shy, nervous, or embarrassed. However, when I had my first experience in front of people, it was incredible. I wanted to do it again. Now, I no longer think as it was. I feel differently when I am in front of an audience.

I learned to play guitar when I was 14 year old.



At first, I thought it would be just a hobby. So it was. I just played the guitar as I sang. It was fun. One day, a friend told, "Adonis, how about playing guitar with me at our school festival?" I did not want to play, but he was so convincing, so I agreed. When I was on the stage, people were applauding. I was really surprised. They loved my music. I loved what I heard. That moment became very important for me.

School was over, but my friends still called me "The Guitar Man." I never thought about playing guitar for other people. I thought it would be only for myself. Since then, many started to call me

for birthdays and parties. They liked to hear me play the guitar. I felt incredible with it knowing that they enjoyed my time with them.

Now, I am doing videos on YouTube playing guitar and singing. Many like when I do covers. I take a song of other artists and create a new version with the guitar. It is relaxing for me.

Whenever I remember my first experience playing guitar in public, I feel happy because it has changed my life. Today, I like to have an audience when I play the guitar and sing.

Colors

Fernando Rivas, L 1

Prof. S. Armanious

Colors are beautiful. I cannot imagine the world without colors. I think they make everything interesting and more beautiful. I have two favorite colors, but my most favorite is yellow.

One of my favorite colors is yellow. The yellow color brings beautiful memories to my mind. When I was a young boy, I was only sixteen years old, and I was in the car going to my girlfriend's house, and I heard for the first time on the radio

"Yellow, everything is yellow". That was the lyric from a song. Moreover, I remember the first time when I heard that word Yellow. It was one day when I was on the couch of my girlfriend's house that I heard the song on the radio. Therefore, I had two reasons to like this song. It became the most beautiful song in my life because I was with my girlfriend, and I promised to be with her forever. I was young and innocent. I associated my

love with that color at that time.

I like all colors, but I have one color that is special. It reminds me of that first love and every happy moment I lived. That is why, I have good memories with that color. It symbolizes to me everything is going to be ok. For that reason, yellow is my favorite color.

All in all, colors are beautiful. I think colors make life an interesting song.

"I really just want to be warm yellow light that pours over everyone I love."

Conor Oberst

"Colors are the smiles of nature."

Leigh Hunt



Knowing Cryptocurrencies

Alexis Moreno Acosta, L 1

Prof. N. Atienza



"I am very excited about the prospect of using cryptocurrency, not just as a money equivalent, but using it as a way to earn something as a result of doing some type of work."

William Mougayar

Many people are lovers of investment. My passions are entrepreneurship and cryptocurrencies trading. They started to be in my heart when I was 15 years old.

When I was 15 years old, I began to love the world of entrepreneurship. I spent many hours thinking how I could be my own boss and get a stable life before my 30th birthday. One day, a friend gave me a book, "Rich Dad, Poor Dad" by Robert Kiyosaki. I never thought that this book would change my life forever. When I started to read this amazing book, I began to experience the changes. I had never saved money, but after that, I started to have money in my pocket literally.

The same year, one friend was teaching me about a cryptocurrency called Bitcoin. He said that it was the future of the financial system. I started to search on the web, and I

found out that it was project born in 2009. Its price was around \$0.01 but in 2015 its price jumped to \$400. I thought that was an amazing project. At the end of 2015, I decided to do an investment in this cryptocurrency. I went to my friend to borrow money, and he lent me \$200. It was a lot of money for a young man who did not work, but fortunately, I doubled this money in just three months. I paid the money I borrowed from my friend, and I kept \$200 for me. I was excited, but I knew that it just was luck because I did not know very well how to work with it.

One year later, our family received the news that we would travel to the United States to live there. I was excited because I would have more chances over there to have money to invest. I began to spend more time studying how to do cryp-

tocurrency trading. Another year passed. I arrived in the United States, and three months later, I began to work and study. Because of the change in my routine, I did not have enough time. It was hard to invest. However, I was able to earn some money. Then, later, my left shoulder started to hurt, and I had to travel to the Dominican Republic to have a surgery. I had to spend all my savings from my previous cryptocurrency trading.

All in all, this was an unforgettable experience for me, learning something new from reading a book. More importantly, I am actually doing what I have learned. It has been my motivation to work harder since I am not working yet. I hope to recover soon.

The Championship Goal

Emerson Canas, L 2

Prof. A. Addy

An event that made me proud of myself was when I scored a goal in the 2016 High School Championship game to make my high school soccer team champions for the season. I was born in El Salvador. When I was four years old my parents enrolled me in a soccer school. Before I moved to the United States three years ago, playing soccer was what I mastered. My aim was to be a professional player. Scoring this goal for my high school made me feel proud of myself, because I realized it pays to work hard every single day.

I perfectly remember how I scored that goal! It was on October 31st, 2016. The game was at seven p.m., and I decided to get to the stadium four hours before the game was to start. It helped me to be prepared mentally because I knew it was a very important game. I was nervous because half the population of the high school students was going to be there. It is not easy to play a game with people screaming at you, so I had to prepare myself mentally.

At five p.m. my soccer partners started to arrive. Everyone looked tense and focused because they knew how important this game was,

and how hard we had worked to get there. Thirty minutes later, we had a conversation; everyone said something to motivate the other members of the team.

When it was my turn, I said, “No matter what is going to happen tonight, the most important thing is to enjoy it. I love you guys.” Everyone clapped for me. It made me feel so proud, because I said it in English, which is my second language. I motivated my team



to go into the field to enjoy the game.

At seven p.m the game started. We were playing against Kearny High School. Five minutes before the game ended, we were attacking the other team. We were giving everything of us. Kearny made a fault, so the referee awarded us a penalty kick. My team decided

to give me the ball, so I could kick it. Everyone was focused because the game was about to end.

I positioned myself in front of the goalkeeper. I had ten seconds to kick the ball. Ten seconds that I felt like ten minutes! I ran to kick the ball, and when I was running I felt many emotions going through me. I felt the time going slow, but at the same time I felt happy, joyful and nervous; I felt proud that they chose me to kick the ball, knowing how important this kick was. I kicked the ball, and I scored an amazing goal. I ran like a crazy guy around the field. I was enjoying the moment. Everyone was celebrating, screaming, jumping, and calling out my name. It was amazing! I felt so proud of myself, and everyone was so proud of me.

I will never forget that day because it was a beautiful moment. Scoring that goal made me feel proud. I made my team champions. I realized that there is nothing more amazing and incredible than enjoying the moment, and feeling proud of who you are because life is only lived once!

LIFESTYLE CHOICES

Benefits of Basketball

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Basketball is a sport that many people play. This sport is very famous in the whole world, especially in the United States. Basketball is not too hard to play, but if a person wants to be great, he or she has to really work hard.

This sport is played by two teams on a court. A person must spend a lot of time playing basketball to really learn it. Basketball is a sport that has many rules. A person who wants to learn it, first has to learn the rules. One of the basic rules is called "travel". This is when a person takes more than two steps without dribbling the ball. Another basic rule is "foul". This is when a person gets hit

by another person on the other team's side of the court. These two rules are very important for a person who is learning this sport.

Basketball is played by two teams. There are five people in each team. They play it on a court. Basketball is played on a court with two rims and one ball. This sport has four quarters. Each of the quarters lasts for twelve minutes. Also, there are three or four referees on the court watching the players, so they follow the rules. This is how people who play in the major league practice this sport.

Playing basketball brings many benefits to

the people who play it. One benefit of this sport is that it keeps the body healthy. When a person is playing this sport, he moves around. This is like exercising. Also, playing this sport keeps a person away from having a heart attack or high pressure. Another benefit for people who play this sport is to have the opportunity to play in the NBA. A person who goes to the major league earns a lot of money while doing what they like to do.

In conclusion, basketball is a great sport to play with one's friends. Many people have a lot of fun playing this sport. This sport is helpful because it has many benefits. In many neighborhoods in the US, we have many courts that people can play this sport and have fun playing.

"I believe that good things come to those who work."

Wilt Chamberlain



A Healthy Lifestyle

Emerson Canas , L 2

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Living a healthy lifestyle can really improve a person's way of living. It helps people to live longer and be sound mentally and physically. Daniella Almeida, my girlfriend, who is eighteen years old, has a healthy lifestyle. Almeida lives a healthy lifestyle for the following reasons: she follows a good diet, she is a physically active person, and she has a great relationship with her family.

Daniella Almeida follows good eating habits. For example, she always eats in her house because she does not like junk food. She knows that fast food is not good for her body, so she prefers to cook in her house. She eats foods that are good for her body such as nuts, grains, vegetables, eggs, fruit, and chicken.

She feels so happy following these eating habits, because she knows that these foods help her skin, body and health.

In addition to that, Almeida is a physically active person. She is happy doing exercises and being involved in physical activities. She goes to the gym during the week and on weekends, she practices judo. Resting is also very important to her because without rest she will not see the results she wants. Sleeping eight hours every day helps her body and mind relax. Also, having enough sleep helps raise her energy for the next day. She feels so good physically and mentally because she knows the good benefits that these activities have. By following this, my girlfriend knows that being a physically active person helps her avoid diseases such as depression, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Knowing these positive benefits of having a healthy lifestyle keeps her motivated to keep trying her best every day.

Moreover, she has a great relationship with her family by staying in constant touch with them. She spends a lot of time

with her family, and Daniella always communicates with them, even those back home in El Salvador. For example, she likes to involve them in decisions she makes such as what to do for special events like birthdays or festive activities. She is so grateful to God for her family, because she knows the value a good relationship with family has. To her, the family is a source of love, emotional support, security and protection. The love and support of family members motivate her to keep growing up in maturity and being a better person every day.

Living a healthy lifestyle is the best option for those who want to live longer. A healthy lifestyle does not only help people to be good emotionally and physically, but also to avoid getting many diseases such as diabetes and cancer. It improves one's mood. Healthy habits are challenging, but knowing the good benefits that healthy habits have, it is good to sacrifice a little to get positive results.

Becoming Independent

Cao Le, L 2

Prof. M. Schirta

I have always wanted to buy many things since I was a child. However, I had to ask or beg my mother for money, but it wasn't easy if the item that I wanted to buy was too expensive. My life has completely changed since the day I got my first salary.

First, I have become financially independent. Now I can buy anything I want without asking money from my mother. I still remember the feeling of sadness when I couldn't buy the phone even though I wanted it so much. After three months of working, I finally got enough money to buy it. The phone helps me to keep in touch with my family, my friends, and my customers.

Second, I have become a responsible person. When I worked for the company, I realized there is nothing free. You had to pay to get what you want and share responsibilities with your co-worker. I started sharing responsibilities with my mother by paying the bills, buying the food, and paying the rent. Indeed, I have learned how to share responsibilities with my family since I got my first salary.

Third, I have learned how to spend my money. When I was young, I just wanted to get as many toys as any children of the same age wanted. I bought a lot of things when I received my first salary. Then

I realized it was never enough. I worked hard to earn money, but I used it faster than I earned it. Now I only spend my money for the right purpose with some advice from my mother or my sister.

All in all, my life has changed since the day I got my own money. I have changed my habits about using money. I have become a responsible person. That was the day I became an adult.

A penny saved is a penny earned.

~17th Century



Walt Disney

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Prof. M. Schirta

Walt Disney is a book about how difficult life is. When I read this book, I got motivated.

In the book, Walt has a dream. He wants to draw, and he also wants to become a movie star. He starts at a young age, but nobody believes in him. He goes bankrupt three times, but he never gives up his dream. Finally, he becomes successful.

Walt Disney started drawing at a young age. He drew his first picture at the farm with his father, but his father never believes in him. He always tells him to go back to

school to study a real career. He goes back to school, but he never pays attention to the professors. He usually



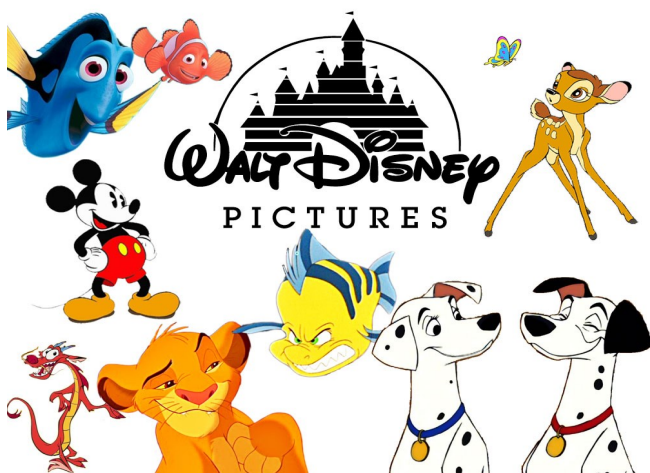
draws in class.

Later, he grows up, but he never gives up on his dream. He finds some friends who have the same dreams as him. They make

their own drawing company, but they do not know how to make money with the company. In fact, they go bankrupt three times. When this happens, he loses everything. He starts to sleep in the street.

One day, Walt Disney finds his older brother who is a businessman. His brother asks him what happened. He tells him the whole story. The next day his brother makes a suggestion, "Let's do your business again, but this time, I will help you finance it". Six months later, they become successful.

All in all, I chose this story because it motivated me in many ways. It shows how life is difficult, but no matter how many times you fall, you should get up.



*"If you can dream it,
you can do it."*

Walt Disney

The Qualities of a Good Father

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Prof. M. Schirta



It's important to have good qualities to be a good father because your children will learn all from you. The children grow, and they need a good teacher that is their parents. A good father needs to be lovely, respectful and helpful.

First, a good father does

not only bring money home. A good father should to be lovely with his wife and his children because the love is the center of a family and if there is love in a family, everything will be good. This is so important. That's why, the children will learn from their father.

Second, when a father is very respectful with his wife, their children will be respectful too. This is important because their children will be respectful with them and will never have problems with other people or their school because they are growing, and they need a good role model, so that

they become good people.

This is important for their professional life.

Third, a good father always needs to be helpful with his children. He needs to help children do their homework, to prepare food for his children and to go out with his children. In addition, he needs to speak with them about the life. The children always need their parents' support. For example, when some children feel bad or they don't feel good in their school, they need to speak with their parents about that, and a father needs to help his children in these situations.

"In my career, there's many things I've won and many things I've achieved, but for me, my greatest achievement is my children and my family. It's about being a good father, a good husband, just being connected to family as much as possible. "

David Beckham

“A good husband makes a good wife.”

John Florio

Sometimes fathers think that a father’s responsibility is only to bring money or only to buy food, to pay for his house or to buy to children toys, but that is not true. A father always needs to support his wife with everything because she needs to take a break too. A mother always has more responsibilities that her husband; that’s why, that she needs a good husband because if he is a good husband, obviously he will be a good father. A woman has to learn first to choose a good man.

In conclusion, a father has to be responsible. His life will change since he knows that he will be father. If he is a good hus-

band, he will be good father. It’s so important to be a good father because the children need a father with these qualities: love, respect and helpfulness. If they have a good father, in the future they will be good people and good spouses. However, everything begins when a woman chooses a good man, so it’s always important that a father should be lovely, respectful, and helpful.



Benefits of Self-Driving Cars

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Nowadays, technology is changing the world in many ways. Self-driving cars will soon become popular and common in many countries. There are three major reasons why these cars will be beneficial for society: less traffic, less driving stress, and increased safety.

Firstly, self-driving cars will remove the traffic. Autonomous cars will make the best decision to always keep the routes flowing. Also, they will have a better vision of the roads and the position of other vehicles to maintain the ideal distance and speed to not produce any traffic jam or accidents. Furthermore, these cars will have an autonomous system that will review each part of the car. That system will alert the owner weeks before if the vehicle will have any problem soon. Therefore, it will reduce the probability of breakdowns and possible traffic because of it. As a result, the traffic will disappear thanks to the autonomous cars.

Secondly, self-driving cars will reduce the stress of driving. Because these vehicles will have a system that could predict delays

in the routes and avoid traffic, they will take the best route to always arrive on time. This will reduce people's stress about being on time to school, work, or other appointments. These cars will also reduce the stress of people when they drive long or short distances. Drivers will not have to worry about traveling for a long time because if they are tired of driving, they just have to press a button, and the car will drive to its destination by itself. Another problem that currently stresses people is parking. Some people can do it easily, but for others it is very difficult to park. That issue will be left behind thanks to the autonomous cars. They will park themselves without any problem. In short, self-driving cars will reduce the stress of driving for all the drivers.

Lastly, self-driving cars will make roads safer. These cars will not make mistakes like humans do all the time by driving. Unlike humans, machines do not get distracted by other things like looking at the cell phone while driving or taking a call. People who chat, watch social networks, drink alcohol, and people that are

tired because of their work or drive long distances are more likely to cause an accident that can result in the loss of one or several human lives. This problem would be eliminated thanks to the autonomous cars and their ultra-safe management systems for people, animals, and other cars that travel on routes all the time and everywhere. Also, self-driving cars will be connected to the same system which reduces accidents by one hundred percent. For that reason, autonomous cars will make roads safer for all of us.

In conclusion, there are clearly many benefits of self-driving cars for society. People should use autonomous cars in order to eliminate driving stress, traffic, and to improve the safety on the roads. It will improve the quality of life of people when they drive a car.



Allowing Students to Live in Retirement Homes without Paying any Rent

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For some students, spending time with elderly people seems boring and not interesting at all. However, a new program in the Netherlands is capturing the attention of college students because they can live in retirement homes without paying any rent. In return, the students must spend a minimum of 30 hours a month with the elderly residents. There can be many advantages of this new program, and that's why allowing college students to live in retirement homes without paying any rent is a good idea because college students can save money, have a quiet and safe place to study, and help elderly people.

The first reason why this new program should be implemented is that students can save money. Money is a fundamental factor in the college student's life. By not paying rent, college students will save their money. Rent

has increased over the years. That's why this program will help college students greatly. In addition, the money that they will save can be used in school supplies such as books, notebooks, and so on. Also, students can use that money for transportation. For instance, if the retirement home is far from the college, students may use that money to travel from the retirement home to the college.

The second reason why this new program should be implemented is that college students will have a quiet and safe place to study. Students will not have to worry about a noisy environment anymore because they will live in a quiet place. Furthermore, college students can study in a peaceful way because elderly residents tend to rest most of the time. Studying in places like parks can be stressful for students because they are noisy places where people are talk-

ing or screaming, and cars on the street are honking all day long. For this reason, college students may lose concentration in their studies, and it might not be the same as if they studied in the retirement home, which can be considered a quiet environment to do so.

The last reason why this new program should be implemented is that students can help elderly people. Everyone needs companionship, and it will be a good opportunity for students to spend time with the elderly residents. Students will spend just an average of 1 hour a day with the elderly people, and students can experience a great feeling by doing this. In addition, many elderly people do not want to be lonely. Therefore, college students can share and do activities with them such as reading them a book, watching TV with them, and even playing chess with them! However, not only students can share activities with the elderly people. It can also work in the opposite way because college students can

learn from elderly people as well. They can share stories, experiences, and life lessons with students, and this will be very helpful for students' life. For example, elderly people will encourage and motivate students to take advantage of their life by studying and not wasting it in vices.

In conclusion, allowing college students to live in retirement homes without paying any rent, and in return, students spending time with elderly residents is definitely a good idea because it can bring college students many advantages such as, saving money, having a quiet and safe place to study, and helping elderly people. This program will help college students and elderly people as well because students will do something great for the community, and they also will be recompensed.

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RESETTLEMENT STORIES

Immigration and Its Faces

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As the history of this country illustrates it, the United States of America is a country of immigrants. Since the Europeans discovered America, immigration has been the driving force for the development of this nation. Immigrants not only have contributed to the economy, but have also enriched the culture of this country. Although the United States of America is the country of freedom and opportunities, being an immigrant is not easy at all. Immigration has impacted not only the born Americans, but also those immigrants who have had to adapt to a different country and culture.

Born Americans suffered a great impact from immigration due to the big differences between the new comers' lifestyles and

theirs. The American society has a variety of values that define the way in which they act and live, while immigrants have their own lifestyles. Time, for instance, is valued in distinct ways. Born Americans are usually very punctual and value every single minute. On the other hand, many immigrants believe that there is no difference between 10 o'clock and 10:15; therefore, they are usually late for class, work, appointments, and meetings. Another factor which impacts the Americans' lifestyles is the cultural pluralism. There are many different types of music, food, and religions in the United States of America. For example, when people listen to

the radio, even the American stations play Latin music. In addition, each culture has its own ethnic food stores and restaurants such as, Noches de Colombia and Rumba Cubana which serve ethnic food from their culture.

There are also several different churches in the United States of America. Thanks to the freedom of religion that the First Amendment in the United States' Constitution brings, each culture practices its own religion and has its own church. For instance, in a small town, like Union City, New Jersey, someone can find different churches for Catholics, Evangelicals, Orthodox, Islamic temples, and Jewish temples.



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Immigration and Its Faces, cont.

Immigration not only impacted the Americans' lifestyles, but also their economy. By opening their own businesses, such as grocery stores, supermarkets, clothes stores, and traveling agencies, immigrants have contributed monetarily over the years. An example of that is the businessman Soichiro Honda, who despite being Japanese, placed his car company in the American market contributing in that way to the economy of the United States of America. In addition, by working, immigrants have helped to lift the economy because they pay taxes and spend their money in this country. The professional sports leagues have also contributed with a lot of money, and many of the star players are immigrants, such as, the Dominican David Rodriguez and the Cuban Yoenis Cespedes.

Although immigration has caused a great impact on American population, they are not the only ones affected. Immigrants have had to face

big challenges when they arrive to a foreign country, and the majority of the time, they have had to face them alone without family and friends.

When immigrants come to the United States of America, they have to confront many challenges that make their lives more difficult. Language is one of these challenges. Almost no immigrant speaks English when he comes to the United States of America, and if someone does, it is not in the same way that Americans do it. When immigrants speak English, they usually have the accent of their language, and they can be discriminated because of that.

Another important factor that has a big impact on immigrants is multiculturalism. The United States of America is very diverse, and people who come to live here have to understand that each culture is different. Latinos, for instance, are very friendly, and almost always greet by kissing and hugging others,

even when they do not know each other very well. To other cultures like American and Russian, that kind of greeting is only for family members and people who are very close to them. Another factor which varies according to the culture is the accessories that people wear. For example, Jews wear a kippah to cover their heads, Muslim women wear a hijab, and Arabian men wear different kinds of turbans.

To conclude, immigration has two sides, the one that impacts born Americans because of the differences between new comers and them, and the other one that influences immigrants themselves due to the challenge of being an immigrant. Although new comers have different customs and traditions than born Americans, they positively impact the economy and enrich the culture of this country. Immigrants, despite the adversities, also get benefits living in this country such as safety and freedom.

Impact of Immigration on the U.S. and the Immigrants Themselves

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In the search for a better life, many people decide to migrate to places where their situation can improve. The main cause of immigration is the lack of means to support the family. Immigrants, as well as Americans, have to understand that it is not just one process that is happening but two. There are two processes because immigrants experience change once they arrive and because Americans change in response to immigration. Immigration has certain effects on the population and immigrants themselves, in the areas of economy, society, and security.

The main cause of immigration is the lack of money. This is the biggest cause of migration because in some countries, it is not easy to get a job with which one supports his family. Nowadays, many countries around the world have political and economic problems that make people emigrate. As a result of these problems, at the same time, immigrants help other countries to enrich

themselves. Moreover, countries such as the U.S might need outsiders to enrich their culture. For example, not long ago the most powerful countries such as the U.S gave visas which are family-based immigrants to immigrants, so their families could contribute to improving the country's wealth. Some countries have the above-mentioned problems, and the United States has a more favorable situation, and that is why people, decide to emigrate. In addition to the main cause, it is likely to wonder about what effects immigration will have on the native population and immigrants. People emigrate, so they can have a better life. Furthermore, immigrants come to the U.S. to have freedom and benefit from what this country offers, such as economic growth, a diverse society, and security.

Many countries focus on increasing their wealth, but to have a good economy, one needs more than just wanting it. These immigrants help the economy of the

country by working hard and taking low paying jobs. Immigrants do not take jobs from Native-Born Americans as some people might say. They take jobs that Americans would not do, and they work for less money. Moreover, they create new jobs by forming new businesses, spending money on paying taxes and raising the productivity of U.S. businesses by creating restaurants, clothing stores, and butcher shops. The U.S. economy is improving as immigrants keep coming and working. After all this, immigrants worry about the United States economy because this is their new home. The main effect the economy of the United States has on immigrants is that it helps them to have a better quality of life as immigrants collaborate in the greatness of the country.

Immigrants might contribute to the positive changes in terms of the U.S. society. They make the United States full of diversity. The U.S population, as well as the immigrant population, are benefited by this because people can know other countries without having to travel. The pluralism that the

Impact of Immigration..., cont.

United States has, strengthened the society because the people in it are familiar with the differences that one culture has over another. Society is strengthened because people become more united and support each other because the differences between cultures make the U.S. a better place. Also, immigrants contribute with the food and music that in each country is different and for any American or immigrant it is surprising that so many cultures can be found in one place. To illustrate, a person may be wanting to eat Italian food, Arabic food, or Spanish food, and this person can find it because there are several options all around the U.S. Americans are so used to the diversity that they might no longer discriminate immigrants. Even if Americans still discriminate against immigrants, they should realize the good that immigrants do here. Americans now understand the importance of immigrants and how they enhance the wellness of the U.S.

Many people who come to the U.S. come from violent countries or looking

for political asylum, so all they want is to be safe. Since immigrants are looking for security they do not cause problems. These problems are usually vandalism, robbery, or damage to public property. Instead, they try to get away from problems and violence because they have already gone through this or known the consequences of this. Furthermore, there may be some that cause problems but as well as immigrants causing problems there may also be Americans causing problems. Immigrants affect the U.S. population by teaching their children to avoid problems. The U.S. population might benefit from the immigrants' attitude towards violence because they will teach their children to do right by means of experience. Moreover, there are a lot of immigrants that have joined the

army to help the U.S. to fight in wars because they consider the U.S. as their homeland, so they fight for their home. In short, because of the experience immigrants have about violence, its effect on the population is to increase security.

To sum up, the United States is a nation of immigrants, and Americans feel proud of it. Immigration is what has made America what it is today. Immigrants, as well as Americans, consider the U.S. their home, so they can coexist peacefully. Furthermore, President John F. Kennedy said, "Everywhere immigrants have enriched and strengthened the fabric of American life". Immigrants and Americans as a whole contribute to the economy, society, and security of the United States.



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