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Process Statement: Why Immigrants Come to America

As part of our ongoing unit on immigration, 2-Purple has been discussing the reasons why immigrants came to American in the late 1800's and early 1900's, and the reasons why they come today.

We began by reading the book "Immigrants", which is put out by the Library of Congress and shows many pictures of what life was like for new immigrants at the turn of the last century. One thing we learned was that many immigrants had mistaken ideas about life in America, like the candy would fall from the sky into your mouth if you wished for it, or that cooked chickens would fly in your window and onto your table with a knife and fork stuck in them.

Next, we talked about the different reasons we learned from our family interviews that people we knew had come to America.

Finally, we wrote down some reasons why immigrants came to America both a long time ago and today. This helped us to think about and remember this information, which is going to help us in writing our family histories, and in continuing our immigration research and project work.