

School Museum Topic | Exhibition Title: IMMIGRATION

Big Idea: Immigrants built a new life in an unfamiliar land, enriching the local culture.

Focus Questions | Exhibit Overview

Intro: Exhibit #1: IMMIGRATION: What is immigration?

Immigration Experiences:

- Exhibit #2: WHY WE CAME: What brought people from faraway lands to Wisconsin?
- Exhibit #3: THE JOURNEY: What is it like to immigrate to another country?
- Exhibit #4: CHANGE & CONTINUITY: How has life changed and stayed the same for cultural groups that immigrated to Wisconsin?

Contributions: Exhibit #5: ENRICH LOCAL CULTURE: How has each cultural group enriched the local culture where they settled?

Conclusion: Exhibit #6: IMMIGRATION THEN & NOW: How are the experiences of those who moved to Wisconsin long ago similar to those of people who moved here more recently? How are they different?

Exhibit Focus Questions and Research Questions

Exhibit #1 – INTRO

FQ: What is immigration?

Research Questions:

1. How do you define immigration?
2. What are some of the common feelings and challenges of immigrants?
3. What countries did Wisconsin's immigrants come from?

Exhibit #2 – WHY WE CAME

FQ: What brought people from faraway lands to Wisconsin?

Research Questions:

1. What *pushed* people to leave or move away from their homeland?
2. What opportunities in Wisconsin *pulled* newcomers to the state?
3. Why did different immigrant groups choose to settle where they did?

Exhibit #3 – THE JOURNEY

FQ: What is it like to immigrate to another country?

Research Questions:

1. What did immigrants take with them on their journey? What did they leave behind?
2. What was the journey like? Did others help? How?
3. What were some of the challenges of change and how did newcomers cope with them?

Exhibit #4 – CHANGE AND CONTINUITY

FQ: How has life changed and stayed the same for people who immigrated to Wisconsin?

Research Questions:

1. What are some of the traditions and customs typical in the home countries of cultural group/s in Wisconsin?
2. What traditions and customs did newcomers keep? How were those traditions kept alive?
3. How did immigrants adapt to their new homes and environments? How did they establish neighborhoods?

Exhibit #5 – ENRICHING THE LOCAL CULTURE

FQ: How has each cultural group enriched the local culture where they settled?

Research Questions:

1. In what ways did each cultural group enrich the local community economically? (Work / Business, etc.)
2. In what ways have immigrants enriched the local culture by sharing their food, art, celebration, and literary traditions?
3. How have different immigrant groups / individual people contributed to the local culture in Milwaukee and Wisconsin?

Exhibit #6 – IMMIGRATION THEN & NOW

FQ: How are the experiences of those who moved to Wisconsin long ago similar to and different from those who moved here more recently?

1. How has travel for immigrants changed over time?
2. How have immigration patterns varied over the years? What is current immigration law and how has it changed?
3. What is citizenship? What does it take to become a citizen?