

Be the Historian Instructions

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Requirements:

1. Your letter must include 4 paragraphs as described below.
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3. Your letter should be written in the 1st person, – “I”.
4. Your letter should be persuasive by building arguments supported by evidence.

Editorial Format:

Paragraph 1:

Describe the history of immigration. Address how the various stakeholders feel about: “To what extent has the US supported or opposed immigration over time? Provide examples. Was there fairness and justice?”

Paragraph 2: (Pros)

Provide the most persuasive arguments you can for immigration being **supported** by the United States. Address how the various stakeholders feel about the positive impacts of immigration in US History. Provide evidence (including Supreme Court briefs, documents, statistics, or images) to support your argument.

Paragraph 3: (Cons)

Provide the most persuasive arguments you can for immigration **(opposed) / not being supported** by the United States. Address how the various stakeholders feel about the negative impacts of immigration in US History. Provide evidence (including Supreme Court briefs, documents, statistics, or images) to support your argument.

Paragraph 4: (Conclusion)

What is your view, to what extent has the US supported or opposed immigration over time? Make your most persuasive argument you can to convince the American public of your view. In what ways has America supported or opposed immigration over time. Address how you feel about...

(quote from Kennedy refute or agree with) Make a claim that we are a nation of immigrants or not.

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Describe any time period in America’s history of immigration, that you feel was neutral to immigrants. Using the documents, provide examples. Was there fairness and justice?

Paragraph 2: (Pros)

Describe any time period in America’s history of immigration that shows America was being **supportive** of immigrants. Address how the various stakeholders feel about the positive impacts of immigration in US History. Provide evidence (including Supreme Court briefs, documents, statistics, or images) to support your argument.

Paragraph 3: (Cons)

Describe any time period in America’s history of immigration that shows America **(opposed) / was not being supportive**. Address how the various stakeholders feel about the negative impacts of immigration in US History. Provide evidence (including Supreme Court briefs, document, statistics, or images) to support your argument.

Paragraph 4: (Conclusion)

Describe you or your family’s experience immigrating to the United States. You can use documents from the 4th station (1990s- 2024) Or you can simply give details from your own life. Explain if you feel at the time of your family’s immigration to the United States, if the U.S. was supportive or opposed to immigration at that time.

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<p>Evidence</p> <p>Supports the claim by providing evidence from the text; quotes from the text</p>	<p><i>Also, <hr/></i></p> <p><i>(add name of article), it states</i></p> <p>“ <hr/> ”</p> <hr/>
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<p><u>Restate</u> your reasons</p>	<p>“</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>”</p>
<p><u>Reflect</u> Personal thoughts/opinions</p>	<p>“</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <p>”</p>
<p><u>Relate</u> Connect to your own life</p>	<hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
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