

# Module 11 - Immigration Vocabulary

**ancestors**, n. The relatives who came before a person, their parents, and their grandparents

**freedom**, n. Independence; the ability to choose how to live one's life

**immigrants**, n. People who leave their home country to live in a new country

**immigrate**, v. To enter and make a home in a new country or region

**push and pull factors**, n. The reasons that drive people away from something and draw people toward something else

**center**, n. A place where a particular activity or work is done

**interpreter**, n. A person who turns speech from one language into another language

**liberty**, n. Freedom

**opportunity**, n. A chance; a possibility

**customs**, n. Established, or traditional, ways of doing things

**ethnic**, adj. Characteristics of a particular group of people who share a common language and national, religious, or cultural customs

**hostile**, adj. Unkind or unwelcoming

**newcomers**, n. People who are new to a place or a group

**traditional**, adj. Customary or long-established; describes something that has been done in the same way over a long period of time

**afford**, v. To have enough of something, especially money or time, available to buy or do something

**blight**, n. A sudden and quick death of plants or crops because of a disease

**emigrated**, v. Left a country or region to settle in another

**characters**, n. Symbols used in a system of writing

**exhausting**, adj. Extremely tiring

**honor**, v. To treat someone with respect or show respect toward someone

**responsibilities**, n. Things you are in charge of or are depended on to care for

**wages**, n. The money you give someone for doing work

**homestead**, n. A farmhouse or other kind of house and the surrounding buildings and land

**legally**, adv. Allowed by law

**officially**, adv. Approved of by someone in charge

**support**, v. To be loyal to or to encourage someone or something

**descendants**, n. People that are related to earlier ancestors

**famine**, n. A great shortage of food

**settlers**, n. People who make their homes in a new area or country

**citizen**, n. A person who has rights given to them by a country's government and has responsibilities that go along with those rights

**naturalized citizen**, n. A person born in another country who earns the same rights as native citizens of a different country

**principles**, n. General beliefs or rules

**rights**, n. Freedoms belonging to a person that the government cannot, and should not, take away

**amendments**, n. Changes; improvements

**the Bill of Rights**, n. A document that contains additions to the Constitution which limit the power of the government

**consent**, n. Approval or permission

**the Constitution**, n. A document that lays down the foundation for the laws of the United States and explains how the U.S. government works

**disagreements**, n. Arguments or differences of opinion

**guaranteed**, v. Promised that something will be done or that a person will receive something; made certain

**jury**, n. A group of people chosen from the public to listen to facts during a trial in order to decide whether a person on trial is guilty or not guilty

**refugees**, n. People who flee from their home country to a foreign country for safety