

Florida, Changed Together

Read for reasons people immigrate and changes they bring to Florida.

SS.4.A.8.2 "Describe how and why immigration impacts Florida today."

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline two reasons people come to Florida. Circle three ways immigration affects Florida today.

New Neighbors, Shared Florida

- ① Florida welcomes people from many countries. Some arrive to join family members, find work, study, or seek safety. They bring languages, traditions, skills, and ideas. In Miami, for example, many residents have roots in Cuba, Haiti, Colombia, and other places. Communities across the state also include people who moved from Mexico, Jamaica, India, and many more nations.
- ② Immigration changes Florida's daily life. New residents open restaurants, markets, construction companies, and other businesses. These businesses offer jobs and goods to neighbors. Workers with different skills help farms, hospitals, hotels, schools, and technology companies. Students may hear more than one language at school, while neighbors share food, music, celebrations, and stories from their home countries.
- ③ Immigration can also create needs that Florida communities must plan for. A growing neighborhood may need more housing, classroom space, health services, and language support. Local groups, schools, and businesses can help new residents learn about jobs and services. When people settle in Florida, their choices and talents shape the state's economy, culture, and communities today.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE _____ Use the passage

1 What are two reasons people may come to Florida from another country?

2 How can businesses opened by new residents affect a Florida neighborhood?

3 Describe one way people with different skills can affect Florida's economy.

4 Name two needs a growing Florida neighborhood may have as new residents settle there.

3 YOUR TURN _____ Your own words

Imagine that a family from another country settles in your Florida community. Write three sentences that explain one reason they came, two ways they could affect the community, and one community need that might grow.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline two reasons people come to Florida. Circle three ways immigration affects Florida today. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What are two reasons people may come to Florida from another country?	They may come to join family members, find work, study, or seek safety.
2	How can businesses opened by new residents affect a Florida neighborhood?	They can offer jobs and goods to neighbors.
3	Describe one way people with different skills can affect Florida's economy.	They can help workplaces such as farms, hospitals, hotels, schools, or technology companies.
4	Name two needs a growing Florida neighborhood may have as new residents settle there.	It may need more housing, classroom space, health services, or language support.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

The Okafor family moves to Florida to join relatives and look for work. They open a grocery store that gives neighbors another place to shop, and one parent works at a hospital. As the neighborhood grows, the school may need another classroom and language support.

Accept any passage-supported reason for immigration and any accurate impact on Florida's economy, culture, schools, services, or neighborhoods. For the open response, accept realistic ideas that include a reason for coming, two impacts, and one growing community need.