Why People Move

Read about different reasons families may migrate.

2.C.2.4 "Describe why people from various places and cultures have migrated to the United States of America (e.g., improved quality of life, economic opportunities, individual freedom)."

NAME _____ DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK

Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline one reason a family might move in each paragraph. Look at the three reasons you marked to see how they differ.

Three Families, Three Reasons

1. People have moved to the United States from many places. A family from Mexico might move because a parent has found a job at a bakery. That job could help the family buy food and pay for a home.

2. A family from Vietnam might move because they want more freedom. In the United States, people can share ideas and practice a religion they choose. The family hopes to speak openly and pray in its own way.

3. A family from Jamaica might move to live near a clinic that can give their child needed care. They hope the child will feel better and have more time to play. People move for many reasons, and each family's story is different.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE

Use the passage

1. Why might the family from Mexico move to the United States?

2. Why might the family from Vietnam move to the United States?

3. Why might the family from Jamaica move to the United States?

3 YOUR TURN

Your own words

Imagine a person moving to the United States from a place not named in the passage. Write two sentences that name the place, give a reason for moving, and tell how the move might help the person.

ANSWER KEY

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PART 1 · READ AND MARK

Underline one reason a family might move in each paragraph. Look at the three reasons you marked to see how they differ. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 · ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	Why might the family from Mexico move to the United States?	**A parent has found a bakery job that could help pay for food and a home.**
2	Why might the family from Vietnam move to the United States?	**They want more freedom to share ideas and practice their religion.**
3	Why might the family from Jamaica move to the United States?	**They want to live near a clinic that can give their child needed care.**

PART 3 · YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

A person from Brazil might move to the United States to study at a school there. New skills from that school might help the person get a job.

For the marking job, accept a phrase in each paragraph that states a reason for moving. For Your Turn, accept any plausible place not named in the passage and a reason that fits the benefit described.