

Moving Lives Minnesota: Stories of Origin & Immigration

(MLMN) explores the histories of the many communities who have moved through and to Minnesota. From the Dakota and Ojibwe peoples who call Minnesota home to the immigrants who have arrived from all other parts of the world, the history of immigration and origin in our state is filled with stories of conflict, contradiction, and solidarity. The goal of MLMN is to deepen understanding, increase empathy, and strengthen connections between Minnesotans through the telling of these stories.

HOW TO SUBMIT

1. Both participants read and sign release on back page
2. If under 18, please include signature of a parent/guardian
3. Take photos of unfolded front and back sides of page
4. E-mail to Kevin Yang at kyang@tpt.org

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Signature – Date

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MINNESOTA STORIES OF ORIGIN & IMMIGRATION

Story Exchange

INSTRUCTIONS

The Moving Lives Minnesota Story Exchange is an interactive activity for two people to share conversation about their personal connections to immigration and origin. Whether it's between two family members or two complete strangers, our hope is that Story Exchange provides an opportunity for both to learn more about our connected histories.

Read definitions for the activity

Each conversation partner fills out one of the side columns

Read the prompts + share a conversation about each topic

Listen to your partner and write down a few words in the box after each topic. Both conversations partners will share their answers in the same box



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Story Exchange

Name:

Current City:

Immigration Generation:

Places of Origin:

What is your relationship to one another?

What are some words you would use to describe home?

Name:

Current City:

Immigration Generation:

Places of Origin:

What do you know about you or your ancestor's journey to Minnesota?

DEFINITIONS

Immigrant: A person who has moved from one country to another

Native: Having historical and/or cultural origins to an area

Origin: Self-defined places of origin for a person. Could be a place of birth, where one was raised, a culturally significant location, ancestral homeland, etc. Can be specific locations or broad regions.

What are some traditions that connect you to your places of origin?

Draw an important artifact or object in your family's history

What's something important you learned about one another during this exchange?

Immigration Generation:
A person's relationship to when they or their family immigrated

Native: Person has historical and/or cultural origins to an area

1st Generation: Person is an immigrant

2nd Generation: A parent of person is a 1st generation immigrant

3rd Generation: A grandparent of person is a 1st generation immigrant

4th Generation +: Person is three generations or more removed from a 1st gen immigrant