

LESSON 9

Lesson for the Sub

Goal: Lesson to provide to Substitute Teacher to keep students engaged. Students at school will have rewarding and fun day.

Objectives: Students will explore the variety of different viewpoints on immigration in the United States and use quotations to demonstrate their understanding of the benefits and challenges of immigration.

Materials/ Handouts: (1) Handout 1: Quotations.

Warm-up and Current Events Alert!

Use any of the following online resources: Google www.google.org;
Bender's Immigration Bulletin: <http://www.bibdaily.com/>;
Oregonian www.oregonlive.com (keyword: immigration)

A. Activity

Using HO1 Quotations, students will find a variety of statements from elected officials and others regarding their views on immigration. Direct students to silently read alone or in pairs. Students then do the following:

- Choose the quote that tells you the most about immigration.
- Read your favorite quote aloud as if you were the writer.
- Illustrate your favorite quote. This could take the form of a campaign button, poster, or bumpersticker. Time allowing, do the same for the quote you disagree with most.
- Transform the quote into a rap or song and present to the class.

Make a political cartoon using a quote or your own idea about immigration.

Practice/perfect/finish group project for presentation with entire class after Summit representatives return.

B. Vocabulary

Pick words from the quotes that are important or used often.

C. Extended Activities

Interview a summit delegate and find out what he or she learned at the Summit.

Homework/Journal Entry

Write your own "quote" on the topic of immigration as if you were going to appear before a Congressional committee.

Quotations

All politicians except as noted

I'm in favor of immigration but we also need rules. -Gary Ackerman

Our immigration system is a broken system that needs to be fixed. We need reform that provides hardworking people of good character with a real path towards citizenship. -Joe Baca

Immigration in America is a highly polarized issue and there are passionate views on both sides. -Spencer Bachus

I support concrete and progressive immigration reform based on three primary criteria: family reunification, economic contributions, and humanitarian concerns. -Jeff Bingaman

We all learned in kindergarten that the beginning is a very good place to start. As we have this debate on illegal immigration and illegal entry into this country, let's begin at the very beginning by sealing the borders to this great Nation. -Marsha Blackburn

While I support immigration through a legal framework, I could not support rewarding those who come here illegally. -Kit Bond

Our nation's immigration policy has been of top concern in recent years, and for good reason. With between eight and twelve million illegal aliens in the United States, it is obviously a problem out of control. -Chris Cannon

On the one hand we publicly pronounce the equality of all peoples; on the other hand, in our immigration laws, we embrace in practice these very theories we abhor and verbally condemn. -Emanuel Celler

Updating our immigration laws is not only critical to our national security, it is vital to winning the War on Terror. -Chris Chocola

We have a human rights interest. Then there is the immigration problem. The human-rights violations have caused people to take to boats and flood not only the United States, but other countries in the region, creating great instability. -Warren Christopher, American Statesman

There is nothing less to our credit than our neglect of the foreigner and his children, unless it be the arrogance most of us betray when we set out to "americanize" him. - Charles Horton Cooley, Author

These are busy times for the Border Patrol, the customs agents, immigration folks; but if we are going to send these agencies to fight a war on drugs, to fight a war against illegal behavior, we have to send them the proper tools. -Bob Filner

Every unskilled illegal immigrant who enters the United States for work takes a job away from an unskilled American or, at the very least, drives down the wages for unskilled workers. Illegal immigration's downward pressure on wages is why even Cesar Chavez opposed illegal immigration. -Elton Gallegly

When talking about immigration reform the very first point I always make is that our country is great because of immigration, not in spite of it. -Sam Graves

Mr. Speaker, our Nation depends on immigrants' labor, and I hope we can create an immigration system as dependable as they are. -Luis Gutierrez

It almost seems that nobody can hate America as much as native Americans. America needs new immigrants to love and cherish it. -Eric Hoffer, Author

I think in the U.S., the border fence is no longer an immigration issue primarily; it's a security issue. -Duncan Hunter

Our Nation's immigration laws are disrespected both by those who cross our borders illegally and by the businesses that hire those illegal immigrants. -Steve Israel

Our ancestors ... possessed a right, which nature has given to all men, of departing from the country in which chance, not choice has placed them. -Thomas Jefferson, US President

The current diversity visa program does a disservice to our immigration policy and to those immigrants who have moved through the more traditional process that allows them to lawfully reside in this country. -William L. Jenkins

Illegal immigration costs taxpayers \$45 billion a year in health care, education, and incarceration expenses. -Ric Keller

Amnesty is a big billboard, a flashing billboard, to the rest of the world that we don't really mean our immigration law. -Richard Lamm

America was indebted to immigration for her settlement and prosperity. That part of America which had encouraged them most had advanced most rapidly in population, agriculture and the arts. -James Madison, US President

The church also does not condone a broken immigration system in the U.S., one that too easily can lead to the exploitation, abuse and even death of immigrants. -Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles

We have an immigration system in this country that not only doesn't work, in many cases it doesn't even make any sense. -Kendrick Meek

Illegal immigration is crisis for our country. It is an open door for drugs, criminals, and potential terrorists to enter our country. It is straining our economy, adding costs to our judicial, healthcare, and education systems. -Timothy Murphy, American soldier 1751-1818

Immigration is the sincerest form of flattery. -Jack Paar, Entertainer

Immigration is not just compatible with but is a necessary component of economic growth. -Dave Reichert

The present immigration system does little to protect the best interests of the children and keep families together. -Jose Serrano

Stopping illegal immigration would mean that wages would have to rise to a level where Americans would want the jobs currently taken by illegal aliens. -Thomas Sowell

They view massive immigration as a massive infusion of potential voters for the Democratic Party, and therefore will do nothing, absolutely nothing to stop that flow of legal or illegal entrance into the country. -Tom Tancredo

More and more Americans are asking about the price that we have to pay when Wal-Mart comes into a community, treats workers poorly, violates immigration laws and squashes small businesses. -Anthony Weiner

Illegal immigration is not just a matter of interest in states along our border with Mexico. It is having an effect on local economies, schools, health care delivery, and public safety all across the country. -Roger Wicker

Sources

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