

# Personal/Familial Journey to the U.S.

Please take a few minutes to jot down answers to as many of the questions below as you can. Then pair up with another person and take turns interviewing each other.

1. When did you or your family come to the U.S.?
2. Why did you or your family come to the U.S.?
3. Who did you/your family come with and how did you/they get here?
4. Do you remember the journey? Does anyone in your family remember the journey? What do you/they remember about it?
5. What was your country of origin like when you or your family left?
6. What is your country of origin like now? What connections, if any, do you still have?
7. Where was the point of arrival in the U.S.?
8. Did you have other family members in the U.S.? Were there other people from your country in the place where you/your family first settled?
9. Were there other people in your city who spoke your native language?

10. What land(s) or nation(s) do you feel a connection with? Why do you think you have these connections?

### **Processing**

What are some of the emerging themes? Are there things you share in common with the person you interviewed? What major differences do you see in your stories? Be prepared to share a few themes in class.