



What is Human Migration?

Migration (human) is when groups of people move from one place to another. People can either choose to move or be forced to move.

Groups of people have always migrated. People celebrate the places their families have come from when they talk about their "roots" or "ancestry."

People can move from one country to another, or they can move from one state to another.

Types of Migration

Emigration: Leaving one home to move to another (e.g., the Pilgrims emigrated *from* England).

Immigration: Moving into a new country (e.g., the Pilgrims immigrated *to* America).

Seasonal Migration: When people move with each season (e.g., farm workers following crop harvests or working in cities off-season).

People Who Migrate

Emigrant: A person who is leaving a country to live in another.

Immigrant: A person who is moving to a new country from another to make a new home.

Why Do People Migrate?

People move for many reasons. People might leave a place because of a problem (such as a food shortage, war, flood, etc.) or move to a place because of something good (such as a nicer climate, better food supply, etc.).

Signs of Migration

People bring the traditions from their old home to their new community. We can see signs of migration in things like local food, music, clothes, and the stories people tell.