

— Immigration Quiz Night —

What is “Quiz Night?”

Quiz Night is a great way to meet new people, have quality time with friends, and learn new things. A Quiz Night usually consists of five or six rounds of questions read aloud to contestants grouped in teams who write down their answers on paper. Each round contains ten questions focused on a theme such as history, politics, music, popular culture, sports, etc. In this document, you’ll find six rounds for an immigration-themed Quiz Night to raise awareness about immigrant justice and immigration reform advocacy. Each round touches on immigration and migration. They can be done in any order.

1. Immigration and Migration in United States History
2. Famous Immigrants in the United States
3. Immigration and Migration in Art & Literature
4. Immigration and Geography
5. Questions from the U.S. Citizenship Test
6. Immigration Today

Feel free to pick and choose rounds that you think would appeal to your quiz night community. You can also come up with your own rounds, such as *Immigration in our Hometown*, *Songs about Immigration* (you can play a song on your iPod or CD player and ask teams to name the song or artist), or *Immigration Current Events*.

How do I host a Quiz Night?

After finding a location and advertising your event, it is rather easy to run a quiz night. Ask participants to gather into teams of four or five. Pass out paper (one piece for each round you plan to do) and pencils to each team. Invite your teams to come up with team names. Part of the fun of quiz night is hearing the different silly or clever team names folks come up with.

For each round, read the questions to the teams. Speakers and a microphone are helpful for this. Allow ample time after each question for teams to consult and record their answers on their paper. At the end of a round, quickly read all of the questions one more time so teams can fill in any they left blank. Collect each team’s paper for that round, tally their correct answers, and announce the scores of the teams. Tallying scores between rounds rather than at the end of the night helps generate friendly competition and suspense. Some quiz hosts keep a visual score count that the whole room can see by using a whiteboard, poster board, or an overhead projector. Don’t forget to read the correct answers to the questions. Some have interesting facts to explain or supplement the answer.

At the end of the night, the team with the highest score wins a prize. You can get fun and inexpensive prizes at thrift stores and dollar stores. If you are conducting an Immigration Quiz Night during May 2009 as part of *Crash Course for Immigrant Justice*, email lswanson@uua.org for small UUA-themed prizes that you can give to all of the participants. If you're hosting Quiz Night at a church or restaurant, consider purchasing church t-shirts or restaurant gift certificates as prizes. Quiz nights at pubs or bars sometimes take \$50 off the bar tab of the winning team and \$20 off for the team with the best name (decided by the bartender). If hosting Quiz Night at a pub or restaurant, talk with the owner to see what you can work out.

Where can I host Quiz Night?

Quiz Night can be held at your congregation, local pub or bar, at a community center, or in someone's home. It all depends on which community you would like to reach out to. If you would like to host an intergenerational event, a place of worship, community center, or home would be a good choice. A pub or bar might be a good choice if you want to reach out to young adults. Some pubs already have established quiz nights and are often looking for volunteers to run the event for one night.

Things to Keep in Mind:

- It is a bad idea to hold a quiz night anywhere without informing the management first and asking their permission. If no local bars already host a quiz night, this might be a good way to build a relationship with local business owners.
- Combining quiz night with a potluck can inspire more folks to get involved and attend. Quiz nights can last a long time, so they go best with food and drink.
- Asking several different people or funny "personalities" in your congregation or community to be hosts can increase the number of people who decide to attend.
- Quiz Nights are inherently chaotic. It's okay if people are chatting, walking around, and being somewhat noisy. That's normal, especially for an event that can sometimes last two hours depending on the pace.
- Quiz Nights are usually called Trivia Nights, but we chose to use the word Quiz for this project in order to avoid implying that immigration and immigrant justice are trivial issues.
- Report back—take pictures of your Immigration Quiz Night, write a paragraph about how it went, and send them to lswanson@uua.org and sleslie@uua.org to post on the UUA Advocacy & Witness blog "Inspired Faith, Effective Action."
- And finally, have fun!

Topic 1- Immigration and Migration in United States History

1. In the 1780's, Benjamin Franklin opposed immigration from what country?
 - a. Germany. (Franklin believed America should be set aside for Anglos.)
2. Until 1808, thousands of enslaved Africans came to the United States through which route?
 - a. The Middle Passage. (The middle passage was the route from southern and West Africa to the southeast American coast and the Caribbean.)
3. In 1830, thousands of Native Americans were pushed from the southeast United States to frontier areas on which route?
 - a. The Trail of Tears. (It is estimated that some 15,000 Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muskogee-Creek, and Seminole tribe members were sent to Oklahoma.)
4. In the 1840s and 1850s, the largest immigration population coming to the East Coast was from which nation?
 - a. Ireland. (They were escaping the Great Potato Famine.)
5. In the 1840s, the largest immigration population coming to the West Coast was from which nation?
 - a. China. (Both the Irish and Chinese comprised the majority laborers for the 1869 transcontinental railroad.)
6. A boll weevil infestation and new job opportunities created by the World War I economy were main causes of the massive internal migration of what group of people?
 - a. Black Americans/African Americans. (It is estimated that more than 400,000 African Americans left the South between 1916 and 1918, forging the cultures of Detroit, Chicago, and other northern cities. Klan violence was another motivator for migration northward.)
7. During the 1930s, emigration from the United States was higher than immigration into the United States. To what nation did most American emigrants go?
 - a. The USSR
8. What was the name of the 1954 Immigration and Naturalization Services program to deport over 3 million Mexican immigrants?
 - a. Operation Wetback
9. In the 1960s and 1970s, a large wave of immigrants from Southeast Asia came to the West Coast due to which war?
 - a. The Vietnam War
10. It is well known that Florida receives the greatest number of older people migrating internally in the United States, but which state has the largest number of older people moving *away*?
 - a. New York

Topic 2- Famous Immigrants in the United States

1. This Nobel Prize Laureate for physics became a United States citizen in 1940 after fleeing the Nazis
 - a. Albert Einstein
2. This Secretary of State was a German-born naturalized citizen of the United States and served under two Presidents.
 - a. Henry Kissinger
3. This starting center for the Houston Rockets is still a Chinese citizen.
 - a. Yao Ming (Yao Ming played for the Chinese Olympic Basketball team in 2008.)
4. This musician brought the music of her native Cuba to the mainstream of American culture, releasing her first album in 1984 with the band Miami Sound Machine.
 - a. Gloria Estefán
5. This Oscar Winning Director of *Brokeback Mountain* was born in Taiwan and became a naturalized citizen after marrying an American doctor in 1983.
 - a. Ang Lee
6. St. Frances Cabrini became the first United States citizen saint after opening over 100 schools and orphanages, but she was not born in the United States. Where was she born?
 - a. Italy (She is the patron saint of immigrants).
7. Famous tennis star, Martina Navratilova, became an American citizen in 1981. Where was she born?
 - a. Czechoslovakia
8. John Muir is considered the father of the American National Park Service and was the creator of the Sierra Club. Where was he born?
 - a. Scotland
9. This famous Chinese-born American architect has designed some of the most memorable pieces of American architecture including the Rock 'n Roll Hall of Fame, the Kennedy Memorial Library, and The National Gallery of Art.
 - a. I. M. Pei
10. This actress from Mexico wrote and starred in a movie about the famous artist, Frieda Kahlo.
 - a. Selma Hayek

Topic 3- Immigration and Migration in Art & Literature

1. Which film, made in 1986, starred a family of Eastern European mice trying to build a new life in the United States?
 - a. *An American Tail* (It was the first animated movie made by Universal Studios).
2. Which book, written by Amy Tan in 1989, relates the story of three generations of Chinese women and features immigration as a central theme?
 - a. *The Joy Luck Club*
3. Which 1995 film, starring Edward James Olmos, features three generations of Mexican Americans dealing with identity and migration in Los Angeles?
 - a. *Mi Familia/My Family*
4. This book by Alex Haley is about the descendants of Kunta Kinte, a Gambian man who was brought to the United States and sold into slavery.
 - a. *Roots*
5. What type of music from the South of the United States came about through combining folk music from Great Britain with an instrument designed by enslaved African Americans?
 - a. Bluegrass
6. Who wrote, directed and starred in the short comedy film *The Immigrant* made in 1917?
 - a. Charlie Chaplin. (Chaplin himself was an immigrant from England, but never had to face the conditions most immigrants experienced depicted in the film.)
7. This film trilogy, directed by Francis Ford Coppola, tells the story of a family of immigrants named the Corleones, and their relationship with the United States and Italy.
 - a. *The Godfather*
8. This song by Neil Diamond was released in 1980 and depicts immigration in a favorable light.
 - a. "America" (Despite its patriotic themes, it was listed by media conglomerates as inappropriate for radio play after the Sept. 11 attacks due to the energetic repetition of the line "they're coming to America.")
9. This film, directed by Martin Scorsese, depicts street fights between nativist (anti-immigrant) and immigrant groups in early 19th century America.
 - a. *The Gangs of New York*
10. A 1951 film, based on a play by Tennessee Williams, starred Marlon Brando and perpetuated an unflattering stereotype of what immigrant group?
 - a. Polish Americans.

Topic 4- Immigration and Geography

1. Name the four states that share a border with Mexico
 - a. California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. (A series of walls and fences have been built along this border. They span 1,951 miles and cost 49 billion dollars.)
2. To travel from Detroit, Michigan, to Windsor, Canada, you have to cross which body of water?
 - a. The Detroit River
3. The Southwest United States was won by the U.S. government in which war?
 - a. The Mexican American War
4. Which famous immigration entry point was located in New York Harbor?
 - a. Ellis Island
5. In order to enter into Juarez City, Mexico from El Paso, Texas you have to cross which body of water?
 - a. The Río Grande
6. In the 19th Century, many Irish and Scottish immigrants moved to which mountain range in the United States?
 - a. The Appalachians
7. Which United States President wrote the following words? *“The whole continent of North America appears to be destined by Divine Providence to be peopled by one nation, speaking one language, professing one general system of religious and political principles, and accustomed to one general tenor of social usages and customs. For the common happiness of them all, for their peace and prosperity, I believe it is indispensable that they should be associated in one federal Union.”*
 - a. John Quincy Adams (Adams was expressing his belief in Manifest Destiny, or continentalism, a worldview which was used to justify the occupation of American Indian land and propelled many United States citizens to migrate to the American West.)
8. Which United States city has one of the highest concentrations of Arab Americans and hosts an Arab International Festival drawing around 300,000 attendees each June?
 - a. Dearborn, Michigan
9. Which United States city has the largest population of Armenians outside of Armenia?
 - a. Los Angeles, California
10. The largest population of Ethiopians outside of Africa is found where?
 - a. Washington DC/Baltimore, MD (Both are correct)

Topic 5- Questions from the US Citizenship Test

The following are a series of questions selected from the New Naturalization and Citizenship Test as of Feb 11, 2009.

1. The first ten amendments to the US Constitution are called what?
 - a. The Bill of Rights

2. Name *one* Right from the First Amendment (Bonus Points for each additional Answer)
 - a. Speech
 - a. Religion
 - a. Assembly
 - a. Press
 - a. Petition the Government

3. What stops one branch of government from becoming too powerful (either answer correct)
 - a. Separation of powers
 - a. Checks and Balances

4. A United States Senator serves for how long per term?
 - a. Six Years

5. When was the US Constitution written?
 - a. 1787

6. Name the current Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
 - a. John Roberts

7. When must all male US citizens register for the selective service?
 - a. Between the ages 18 and 26

8. Which President purchased the Louisiana Territory from France in 1803?
 - a. Thomas Jefferson

9. What did Susan B. Anthony do?
 - a. Fought for women's rights

10. James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay and Publius were famous for writing which papers?
 - a. The Federalist Papers

Topic 6 – Immigration Today

1. In spite of marriage equality in Connecticut, Iowa, Massachusetts and Vermont, U.S. citizens are unable to sponsor same-sex partners for citizenship due to what federal legislation?
 - a. The Defense of Marriage Act
2. Which country has the lowest percentage of foreign born people in its population: Canada, Switzerland, the United States, or Australia?
 - a. United States (About 12% of people living in the U.S. are foreign born.)
3. A “green card” is proof of lawful permanent residence. What color are most “green” cards issued by the United States today?
 - a. Pink.
4. Undocumented immigrants are ineligible for which of the following benefits: TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), Food Stamps, Medicaid, or all of the above?
 - a. All of the above. (Undocumented immigrants are excluded from all federal public welfare programs. The only assistance they may receive is medical attention in the case of a health or life threatening condition).
5. Of over 9 million refugees worldwide, up to what percent may settle in the U.S. each year: less than 1%, 15%, 25%, or 75%?
 - a. Less than 1%. (The UNHCR estimated that by the end of 2004, there were 9.2 million refugees worldwide. The United States accepts up to 70,000 refugees each year. In 2004, the U.S. accepted approximately 53,000.)
6. What is the most common reason that legal immigrants come to the U.S?
 - a. To join a close family member. (About 75% of legal immigrants come to the United States to join a family member. Other main motivations include to seek work and to flee persecution.)
7. What does the acronym ICE stand for?
 - a. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
8. Statistically, for every ten undocumented immigrants in the U.S., how many of those arrived by crossing the southern border of the United States?
 - a. 4. (Only about 40% cross the U.S.-Mexican border. An equal number of undocumented immigrants enter legally as students, tourists, or workers, arriving by air or crossing the Canadian border, and overstay their visas,.)
9. In what decade did foreign born people make up the highest percent of US population?
 - a. 1901-1910. (In 1910, immigrants were nearly 15% of the population.)
10. 68% of immigrants settle in just six states. Name four of these.
 - a. California, New York, Texas, Florida, New Jersey and Illinois.