

Globalization Exercise # 1: Population Geography - Migration

- This exercise includes three documents you must read: the Instructions, PowerPoint, and the Rubric to use as a checklist.
- YOU are responsible for reading and understanding these instructions. If you turn in an assignment that does not follow these instructions, your grade will reflect it. You cannot say I didn't warn you.
- In case you have any questions, please send the professor a message through Canvas only as soon as possible.

In this exercise you will compose an essay based on your family's history, describing the background of both of your parents' families. Regardless of your ethnic background or family origin, all people living in the Americas (North, Middle, and/or South America) are descendants of migrants or recent migrants. Even the ancestors of Native American populations came to the Americas crossing the Behring Land bridge (today's Behring Strait) more than 14,000 years-before-present. They are also referred as Amerindians in the scholarly literature. It is interesting to note that in Canada, these groups (of Native Americans) are known as "First Nations."

In this essay you must include references of your family's [or your] migration to the United States of America or to South Florida, and the **push or pull factors** that may have influenced or contributed to this migration. You may describe your family's originating country and culture, and how living in the United States has influenced or changed various tenets within that culture.

The Essay (65%): This essay should be **at-least 800 words in length** (this word count does not include your name, PID, title, date, map portion, or the Bibliography/References section). You must also demonstrate knowledge of this topic by using key definitions related to the topic of this assignment: migration, push and pull factors, globalization, etc., and included in our course textbook related to the topic of migration, and others presented in class (i.e., Africanization). Your work must also include at-least one additional reference (textbook or a popular news forum - i.e., *The New York Times*) that relates to your family's history of migration. You must include this reference in a separate page using only one of the following titles: Bibliography, Reference, or Works Cited; making a full citation of this/these source/s. Note that this portion of your exercise (introducing an external source in both your essay and in the **Bibliography** sections) **is worth 5%** of your grade for this assignment.

Any geographically-based essay must answer three broad questions: Where? Why? (and how?), and, So what? (or, in other words, why is this important?). For instance, you can answer

the following questions: Where did your father's family (or his last name) originate? Where did your mother's family (or her last name) originate? Why did your father's/mother's family migrate from their homeland? [push - pull factors?] In answering to the "So what?" question you must use the information you have included in the first two sections (Where? and Why?); this is an overview of your family background. It is also important to mention that if you don't know much about your family background, you can include references to your ethnicity, and their path to migration to this country we know today as the U.S.A. You can also make reference to the origin of the last names of your parents.

Since this exercise is based on the topic of migration and our textbook puts special emphasis on this theme in two chapters (#3 and #6), we would suggest you to start your essay by introducing this topic and its key definitions (i.e., what is Africanization, migration, push and pull factors? how is this phenomenon connected to globalization?, etc). In any case, it is very important that your essay mentions all aspects related to the "Africanization of the world", as part of what De Blij and Muller call "the first great wave of globalization." (2010: 282), and other aspects related to the major waves of human migration in the process of world colonization mentioned here.

The Map (30%): You must include a map detailing the migration paths of both sides of your family, and a note of the origin of our species, *Homo sapiens* (Africa), using appropriate labels. Every map must include the following information: title (i.e., "Map of the Gonzalez and Whisenhunt Families"), an arrow and an "N" (north) sign on top [of the arrow] pointing to the geographical north (place it on the upper right hand side of the map), and, a legend indicating from where each family originated along with differentiating colors for each side of the family. You must also include flow lines (i.e., arrows) using two different colors [one] for each side of the families (i.e., red for the "Gonzalez", and green for the "Whisenhunt" families) showing all places where these families lived before coming to the country where they settled or to the United States (your family or you if you are the first one in your family living in the USA.). For instance, my father's family originated in Spain, and the first in this side of the family that came to the Americas was a Spanish army officer that was deployed to Argentina before being sent to Peru. This means that there should be an arrow that connects Spain and Argentina, and a second arrow connecting Argentina and Peru, showing the second deployment of this officer (see map sample at the end of this document and in Exercise # 1 Map sample PPT file).

If you are not proficient in Microsoft Power Point (PPT), you can print the blank map that is included in the next pages, and write all the necessary information neatly in your own

handwriting. If this is the case, you will have to scan your map and included at the end of your essay **in a (one) word document**. Please note that you are allowed to use any other blank map of your choice if you wish to do so, but you must include all required information.

If you are [somewhat] proficient in Microsoft PowerPoint, follow these directions to create a map.

1. Open a new Microsoft PowerPoint slide.
2. Type in title and insert a photo of world map.
3. On your tools tabs, click Insert, then Shapes.
4. Next, under Lines, click the line with 1 arrow.
5. On your map, click the originating country and move your cursor to the country where your family next migrated.
6. Duplicate Step 5 until you reach you or your family's current location.
7. To insert a legend, click Insert on the tools tab.
8. Next click Text Box and click on your PowerPoint slide to place box.
9. In the Text Box, please indicate the colors you used to differentiate the migration of each side.

If you produce a map in PPT, you will have to copy and include it at the end of your essay (**in a word document**). To copy your map from PPT to your word document, press Control [Ctrl] and Print Screen [PrntScr] together on the PPT slide; then, go to the end of your word document, and click paste. You should crop this page to show your map only.

Technical Aspects: Your paper must conform to the following formatting:

- 12-point font (Arial, Times New Roman, Garamond, or Book Antiqua),
- one-inch margins all around,
- double-spaced,
- numbered pages.

Missing to format your work accordingly will result in a 10-point deduction.

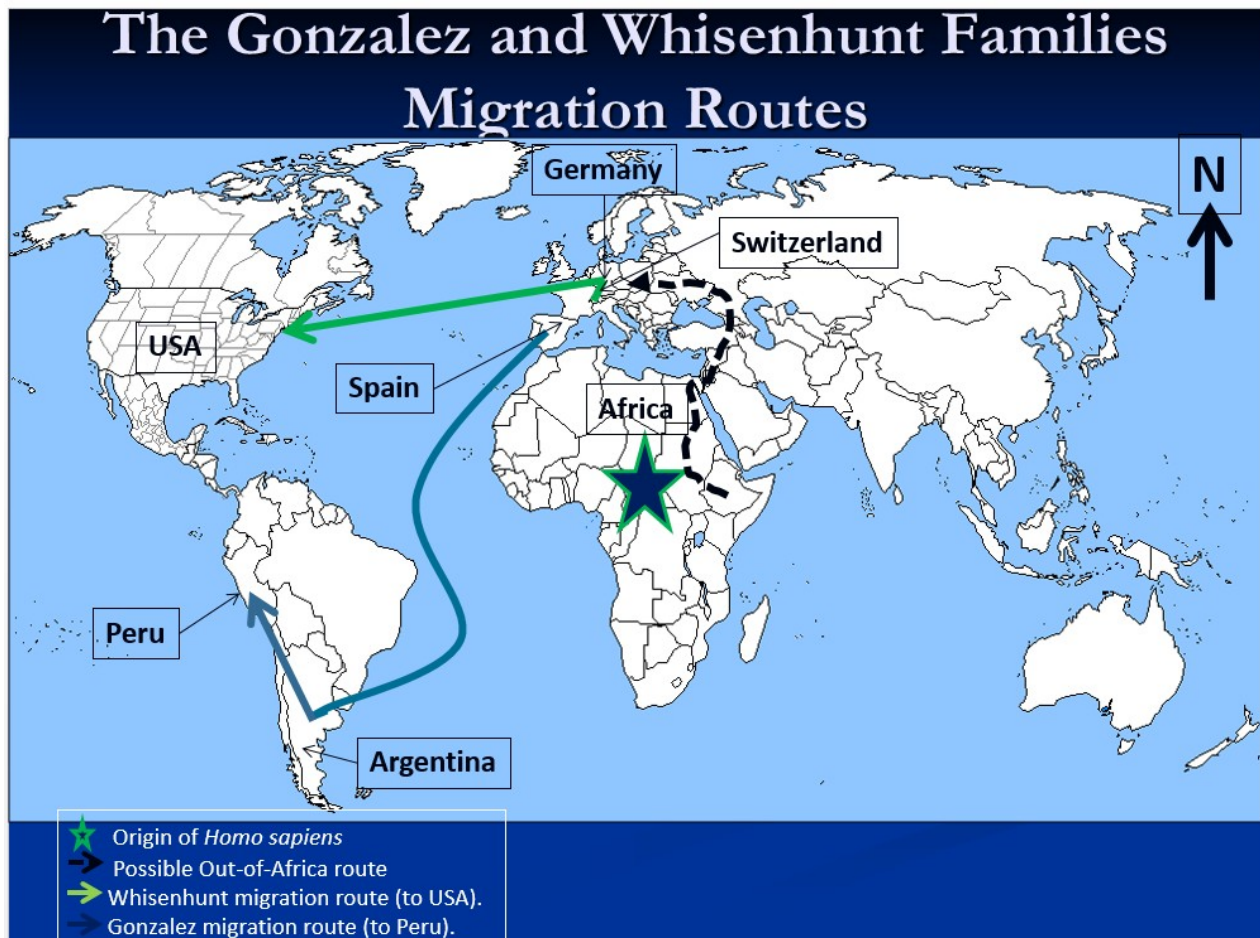
Final Details (very important):

You must upload your essay, including your map, and bibliography in one word document to the Turnitin.com link included in our course webpage. You can find the link to Turnitin.com inside the Exercises section (Exercise # 1) in the Course Content. If you experience any difficulties to upload your work, you must send me your complete work using the course messaging system in a word document before the deadline. **Late work will be accepted but will receive a 10-point**

deduction for each week this is late. No late work will be accepted after two weeks of the deadline.

Your answer must be your own, original thoughts. If you plagiarize your thoughts from a website, journal, or any other source, not only you will be sad because you cannot write the small number of words of your own, but because you will earn a failing grade in the course.

SAMPLE MAP:



BLANK MAP:



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