

Arrivals Project

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'It's my life'

Age group: KS1

Main curriculum / subject area: Literacy

21st Century Skills:

Critical thinking, questioning and reflection and collaborative working

Cross Curricular links:

History: to become more aware of historical events and how they impact on peoples' lives

Geography: to have an awareness that some places and events can make life very difficult, which is why people sometimes migrate

Students will:

Have opportunities to develop their comprehension skills

Ask and answer questions about someone's life

Use information to write a short biography

Session Outline

Step 1: Have a short discussion about the exhibition and reflect on what it was about and what they thought of it. Ask the class to try and remember some of the people and their stories.

Step 2: Working in groups, look at the cut up texts and reorder them to make sense. After this, complete the gapfill and answer the questions (See Resources).

Extension – what questions would you like to ask this person?

Step 3: Working in small groups, and with an additional adult as appropriate, use the facts and write them up in a narrative, biographical format.

Step 4: Share the texts with the whole class and consider creating a display using them or sharing in an assembly.

Extension: Create a set of questions, either as a class, group or individually to ask parents or other class members and use them to write their biography.

Resources

Cut up for students to order

My name is Thomas Hezekiah Goode.
I'm 84 years old now.
I came to England in 1955.
I was born in the village of St. Catherine in Jamaica in 1932.
I worked in the steel industry for many years. We were made welcome by some people but life could be difficult in those early years. There was plenty of work but quality accommodation was difficult to find.

My name is Mohammed Younis.
I came to England in 1958.
I trained as a machinist in the engineering industry when I left school.
My grandfather came to England before World War Two and my father came in 1952.
I went to University in Manchester and Bradford.

My name is George.

I have nine brothers and sisters.

I came to Sheffield in 1985.

I became a builder.

I could have played football for Sheffield United.

I arrived at the airport in London wearing shorts - it was freezing!

I am a fashion designer and dancer.

I arrived in England in 1997.

My name is Angga and I am from Indonesia.

We came to England because my Dad was studying at the University of Sheffield.

Gap Fill

When I arrived in England I was really cold because I was only wearing _____! I really didn't know what the _____ would be like.

I love my life in Sheffield because I have lots of _____ who are very kind and helpful.

I'm a _____ now but I could have made a living _____.

Learning is very _____ for me and I _____ at universities in Manchester and Bradford.

Most of the time people made us feel _____ but there were lots of _____ with housing.

Sheffield now feels like _____ and my family and I are very _____ here.

shorts studied builder home friends playing football
weather important welcome happy problems

Questions

1. Who is a fashion designer?
2. Who was born in Jamaica? When was he born?
3. Whose Grandfather arrived in England after World War Two?
4. Who is from Indonesia?
5. What job does George do? What could he have done?
6. Why did Angga come to England?
7. Where did Thomas work?
8. How many brothers and sisters did George have?

Answers

Gap fill:

When I arrived in England I was really cold because I was only wearing **SHORTS**! I really didn't know what the **WEATHER** would be like.

I love my life in Sheffield because I have lots of **FRIENDS** who are very kind and helpful.

I'm a **BUILDER** now but I could have made a living **PLAYING FOOTBALL**.

Learning is very **IMPORTANT** for me and I **STUDIED** at universities in Manchester and Bradford.

Most of the time people made us feel **WELCOME** but there were lots of **PROBLEMS** with housing.

Sheffield now feels like **HOME** and my family and I are very **HAPPY** here.

Questions:

1. Angga
2. Thomas, 1932
3. Mohammed
4. Angga
5. Builder, football player for Sheffield United
6. Because his Dad was studying for his PhD at Sheffield University
7. The Steel Works
8. Nine