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TERMS TO KNOW

Immigration v. migration: **Immigration** refers to permanent relocation to a country. **Emigration** means to leave one's country to live in another. **Migration** refers to the movement from one region to another, either within a country or across national borders.

Transnational means encompassing many nationalities without belonging to one or the other.

Multinational means identifying as belonging to many nationalities.

A **visa** is an official permission which temporarily authorizes us to stay in a foreign country.

A **passport** is a document that certifies our identity during our travels.

Diaspora is the dispersal of any people from their homeland.

A **diaspora** is a scattered population whose origin lies in a separate geographic locale. In particular, diaspora has come to refer to involuntary mass dispersion of a population from its indigenous territories.

Borders are the lines that separate one area, state, or country from another.

Borderlands are the districts near a border, or areas of overlap between two things.

Censorship is the suppression or prohibition of any parts of books, films, news, etc. that are considered obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security. Censorship is the changing or suppression or prohibition of speech or writing that is deemed subversive of the common good.

Cultural amnesia is the phenomenon of forgetting cultural values, customs, mores, taboos, and ideals which may have once been embraced by the culture's people as a whole, but have now been replaced by different customs, mores, taboos, and ideals.

Exile is a state of being where one that is cast from their home without the possibility of returning to that home.

Cultural assimilation is the process in which a minority group or culture comes to resemble a dominant group or assume the values, behaviors, and beliefs of another group.

Representation describes the process by which meaning is produced and exchanged between members of a culture through the use of language, signs and images which stand for or represent things.

A **selfie** is a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam and shared via social media.