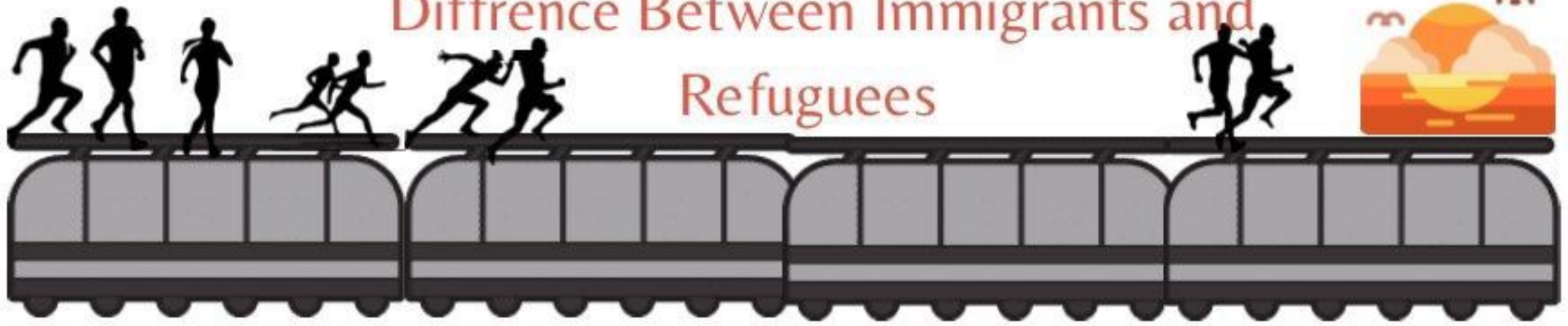


Difference Between Immigrants and Refugees



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Summary:

Is there a difference between being labeled an immigrant or a refugee? Yes, there in fact is. This is not opinionated, but compleatly factual and can be proven in many instances such as how refugees and immigrants are talked about and treated differently in politics. Although there are struggles suffred by refugees and they expreince a lot of hardships, there can disadvantages to being labled as an immgrant over a refugee.

Reflection:

This is imporant because it is an ongoing issue. 11 million United States residents are undocumented people who came to the U.S. to esacpe unspeakable and unimagine horrors that have infiltrated their home lands.

Images:

Images suchs red skies relate to how Pulga viewed many skies- beautifully painted, but hold the color of blood. The people travling on top of the train running symbolizes the thousands of people who travel on top of trains every year in hopes for a better life.

Quotes from Articles:

New York Times writer Halimah Abdullah of CNN expands on her point by quoting Adam Isacson in saying, *"We don't want to send people back into harm's way ... but the more they expand access to asylum, the more people will feel they have a case."* Hamilah explains that Isacson has a diffrent apporch to immigration than most. While she validates his opinion and even explains why he believes this, she is not in complete agreement. These people are fleaimh unspeakable dangers and she states that she belives they deserve a chance like everyone else.

The *New York Times* says, "If a policy were implemented that afforded the same employee protections to all legal workers regardless of citizenship, I suspect that wages and benefits of immigrant workers would have to be in line with those of American workers." (gale.com) in their article named "Why Immigrants Risk Their Lives". This expands on how there can be things to help impove the immigration in the United States that benift the immigrants.

This is our only chance. So I do it. I shove the backpacks out the window. I put one leg over the sill and climb out of then only house I've known." (Sanchez, 107)

This quote expresses a fragment of the desperation many mingrants feel knowing that they need to leave their home. It also mentions Pulga's stuggle to leave the only home he has known which is something most refugees can relate to.

Quotes from book:

"For the future that would have been if we didn't leave."
(Sanchez, 118)

Refrecncing the dangers migrants attpemt to leave behind, this quote refers to how most migrants leave to try and get a better future in a better environment.

"When you're running to get on, you need to put your leg closer to the train up first. That way you don't get pulled under." (Sanchez, 124)

This is just one of the many dangers immigrants put themselves at risk for on this harsh journey. There are many dangers with taking the journey to nee land, but thousands of people prove time and time again that they are willing to takw it if they think there is a chance of a better life which shows how desperate they really are.

WHAT ARE THE STEPS TO LEGALLY BECOMING A U.S CITIZEN?

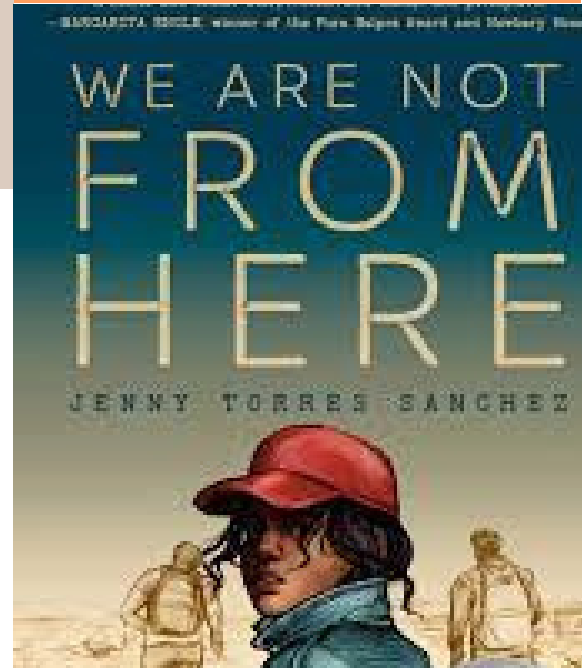
what I learned is the first thing that immigrants have to do is make the age requirement, Then they have to take a N-400 form. The immigrants also have to have some appointments and pay fees There are many other things immigrants might have to go through more processes, forms and tests. I also leaned that the process can take multiple years and even take more to get approved.

- Step 1. Determine if you are already a U.S. citizen
- Step 2. Determine if you are eligible to become a U.S. citizen
- Step 3. Prepare your Form N-400, Application for Naturalization
- Step 4. Submit your Form N-400 and pay your fees
- Step 5. Go to your biometrics appointment, if applicable
- Step 6. Complete the interview
- Step 7. Receive a decision from USCIS on your Form N-400
- Step 8. Receive a notice to take the Oath of Allegiance
- Step 9. Take the Oath of Allegiance to the United States
- Step 10. Understanding U.S. citizenship



These photos are immigrants on their journey to the U.S. hoping to become legal in the U.S.

This topic was important because it helps immigrants know what they have to have and the steps they are going through during the process



- "besides Pulga says suddenly "You are not from here. You don't have papers. "(Sanchez 210). This quote helps explain how they aren't legal yet so they have to keep going no matter what to become legal in the U.S.

"We want to cross the river and find a way to the shelter on the other side before dark"(Sanchez 122). This quote relates to my topic question because some of the steps are the rough travel of making it to the U.S.

UNDERSTAND THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE

"Many illegal immigrants, including children, women, and the elderly, risk death from heat, hypothermia, drowning, and suffocation during their journey across the desert from Mexico." (Kamalu)

WHY ARE THE EXPERIENCES OF THE CHARACTERS SO IMPORTANT TO HELPING UNITED STATES CITIZENS UNDERSTAND THE IMMIGRANT EXPERIENCE ?



The characters provide insight that wouldn't be known from basic research. The characters show you the intense experience of someone who is traveling and/or is an illegal immigrant.

"Others have engaged in prostitution in order to pay for their passage from their countries of origin to the United States." (Kamalu)

KIDS WALKING DOWN THE TRAIN TRACKS OF LA BESTIA



1. Pulga and Chico had to witness multiple killings and work for a gang to be able to leave their city. This reflects how dangerous the countries that immigrants are coming from. They are plagued with gangs.

La Bestia, the death train that immigrants try to ride on.



Millions of people from South American countries attempt to get into the U.S. People need to understand why they are running and the danger they are constantly in. By spreading awareness, we can help the countries and stop the constant cycle of death.

"During his campaign Trump had vowed to carry out mass deportations of undocumented immigrants" (Smith)

2. Pulga describes how someone was cut in half by La Bestia. This shows how dangerous the train is. and how easy it is to die on the journey