**IMMIGRATION BIOGRAPHY RUBRIC**

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| **CATEGORY** | **4**  **Exceeds Standards** | **3**  **Meets Standards** | **2**  **Approaching** | **1**  **Below Standards** |
| **Ideas & Content** | • Shows deep research on the time period and immigration concepts  • “Life at Home,”  “The Journey” &  “Life in the New Country”  all included.  • All questions answered | • Shows some research on the time period  • “Life at Home,”  “The Journey” &  “Life in the New Country”  all included.  •Most Questions Answered | • Insufficient Research  • “Life at Home,”  “The Journey” &  “Life in the New Country”  are either incomplete or insufficient  •Some Questions Answered | • “Life at Home,”  “The Journey” &  “Life in the New Country” incomplete or unacceptable  •Writer doesn't know topic  •Details lacking  •Ideas missing or don't make sense |
| **Organization** | •Each paragraph has an appropriate topic sentence  • Transitions between sentences and paragraphs connect ideas and flow  •Details & paragraphs are in right order | •Most paragraphs have an appropriate topic sentence  •Has some transitions •Most parts of paper fit together.  •Most details & paragraphs are in right order | •Some paragraphs have appropriate topic sentences  •Few transitions used •Too many details are out of order | •No / inappropriate topic sentences  •Paragraphs and/or transitions missing  •Too many details are out of order |
| **Voice** | •Writer's personality comes through in a creative way  •Writer's voice is lively & confident | • Most of the time the writer's voice & personality show up in the writing. | •Sometimes the writer's voice comes through •Writing does not draw the reader in | •Writing is flat  •Writer's voice does not come through at all |
| **Conventions** | •Has FEW or NO errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar  •Writing is easy to read | •Has FEW errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar  •Sounds correct when read aloud | •Too many errors in capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar make the writing difficult to read  •Editing needed | •Capitalization, punctuation, spelling & grammar mistakes make the writing impossible to read & understanding.  •Major editing needed |

Questions:

1. **Life at home:** \* Where was the person born? \* What was happening in their home country during that time? \* Why did they decide to leave (Push Factors)
2. **The Journey:** \* How did they travel? \* How long did it take? \* What was the hardest / worst part? \* Did anyone greet them when they arrived?
3. **Life in the New Country:** \* When did they arrive? What was happening in the new country during that time period? \* Why did they decided to go THERE specifically? (Pull Factors) \* How did they assimilate?