**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?