

Activity 2: Understanding migration

Learning objectives

- To develop an understanding that human migration, often over large distances, is an integral part of the history of all societies.

Resources

- Activity Sheet: Migration quiz (one for each pair of young people)
- Activity Sheet: Answers to the quiz questions (one for each pair of young people)
- Scissors (one pair per pair of young people)
- Teacher's resource sheet: Questions with corresponding answers (one copy for yourself)

Time required: 30 mins

This activity explores the history of human migration. The refugee crisis is a specific example of migration. However, voluntary migration, for example movement by EU citizens within the countries of the EU, should not be confused with people forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution. This activity aims to help young people to better understand the scale of human migration in historical and geographical terms. It provides some background information about how many societies have become more diverse.

- Ask young people to work in pairs. Give each pair a copy of the activity sheet containing the quiz, a pair of scissors and a copy of the sheet showing the answers to the quiz (these are in the wrong order). Tell them to cut up the answers so that they have 15 strips of paper, each with one answer on it.
- Ask young people to read through the questions then the answers and then match them up.
- Once the group has completed the quiz, check the answers, and if there is time, discuss the following questions.
 - Have any of the answers surprised you?
 - What are some of the reasons for migration?
 - What are some of the changes migration has made to the world? Do you think these changes have been good or bad?
- Emphasise that migration is an important part of human history. It explains why we have a diverse and multicultural community.

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Activity sheet

Migration quiz

1. When did the first humans begin to migrate from Africa to the Middle East and Europe?

2. Which country has the largest percentage of migrants in its population?

3. When did Britain first require all its international travellers to have passports?

4. In which country was the largest number of foreign doctors working for the National Health Service born?

5. What is the total value of remittances, or money sent home by workers who have migrated to work in other countries?

6. Which country in the world has the largest number of immigrants?

7. How many refugees crossed the border between India and Pakistan during the partition of India in 1947?

8. What is the largest annual human migration in the world?

9. Where does the world's largest population of Japanese people outside Japan live?

10. Which country in the Americas has the highest percentage of its population descended from people from sub-Saharan Africa?

11. What is the world's largest temporary migration to perform a religious pilgrimage?

12. Which country in the world has the largest number of emigrants?

13. How many people of Chinese descent live outside China?

14. How many people in the USA claim to be Irish as their primary ethnicity?

15. How many years is it since the Romans, from Italy, founded the city of Londinium (or London)?

Activity Sheet
Answers to the quiz questions

92% of the population of Haiti are descended from sub-Saharan Africans, forcibly transported to the Americas during the slave trade (in Jamaica the percentage is 91%).
1914. Before the beginning of World War I, passports were not usually required for international travel.
The USA – 47 million immigrants or 14% of the population.
India. 25,122 doctors, or 9.7% of the total number of doctors working for the NHS.
Altogether there are just over 50 million overseas Chinese. The largest overseas Chinese population in any one country is in Thailand (over 9 million people).
60,000 years ago.
2.9 billion journeys, made by people in China travelling to celebrate Chinese New Year with their families.
\$586 billion (more than the \$135 billion governments spend on development aid).
30 million Hindus gathered in Allahabad (Prayag), India, during the Maha Kumbh Mela in in 2001.
The United Arab Emirates – 84% of the population are immigrants.
14.5 million refugees (4.8 million refugees fled Syria between 2011 and 2015).
1.5 million people in Brazil have Japanese heritage.
973 years. The city of Londinium was founded in AD43. Before this date, London was uninhabited marshland.
36 million – altogether 80 million people around the world claim Irish descent. The population of Ireland itself is 6.4 million.
India. 15 million Indians live in other countries. However, this is just over 1% of the total Indian population.

Teacher's resource sheet

Questions with corresponding answers

1. When did the first humans begin to migrate from Africa to the Middle East and Europe?	60,000 years ago genographic.nationalgeographic.com/human-journey/
2. Which country has the largest percentage of migrants in its population?	The United Arab Emirates – 84% of the population are immigrants en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_immigrant_population
3. When did Britain first require all its international travellers to have passports?	1914. Before the beginning of World War I, passports were not usually required for international travel. www.theguardian.com/travel/2006/nov/17/travelnews
4. In which country was the largest number of foreign doctors working for the National Health Service born?	India. 25,122 doctors, or 9.7% of the total number of doctors working for the NHS. static.guim.co.uk/ni/1390829680973/NHS_staff_graphic.pdf
5. What is the total value of remittances, or money sent home by workers who have migrated to work in other countries?	\$586 billion (much more than the \$135 billion governments spend on development aid) www.worldbank.org/en/news/press-release/2015/04/13/remittances-growth-to-slow-sharply-in-2015-as-europe-and-russia-stay-weak-pick-up-expected-next-year
6. Which country in the world has the largest number of immigrants?	The USA – 47 million immigrants or 14% of the population en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_immigrant_population
7. How many refugees crossed the border between India and Pakistan during the partition of India in 1947?	14.5 million refugees (4.8 million refugees fled Syria between 2011 – 2015) en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Partition_of_India
8. What is the largest annual human migration in the world?	2.9 billion journeys, made by people in China travelling to celebrate Chinese New Year with their families www.bbc.co.uk/news/world-asia-china-35498848
9. Where does the world's largest population of Japanese people outside Japan live?	1.5 million Brazilians have Japanese heritage. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Japanese_Brazilians
10. Which country in the Americas has the highest percentage of its population descended from people from sub-Saharan Africa?	92% of the population of Haiti are descended from sub-Saharan Africans, forcibly transported to the Americas during the slave trade (in Jamaica the percentage is 91%) en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_diaspora_in_the_Americas
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12. Which country in the world has the largest number of emigrants?	India. 15 million Indians live in other countries. However this is just over 1% of the total Indian population. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_countries_by_immigrant_population
13. How many people of Chinese descent live outside China?	Altogether there are just over 50 million overseas Chinese. The largest overseas Chinese population in any one country is in Thailand (over 9 million people) en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Overseas_Chinese
14. How many people in the USA claim to be Irish as their primary ethnicity?	36 million – altogether 80 million people around the world claim Irish descent. 10% of the UK's population qualify for an Irish passport. Ireland's population is 6.4 million en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irish_diaspora
15. How many years is it since the Romans, from Italy, founded the city of Londinium (or London)?	973 years. The city of Londinium was founded in AD43. Before this date London was uninhabited marshland. en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Londinium