

### Stories of Arrival Organizer

In this activity, you will explore different experiences of arrival to the United States. Select at least four of the characters below and view the related video clips. Use the information in the clips to complete the organizer and to plot the journeys of each character on the accompanying map. Finally, you'll use this research to take part in the final reflection questions.

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NAME	COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	AREA OF SETTLEMENT IN THE U.S.	DATE OF ARRIVAL (approximate)	ARRIVAL DETAILS (Explain the details/circumstances)	REASON FOR COMING TO THE U.S.

## Reflection Questions

- How are the stories you studied different from each other?
- How are the stories similar?
- Based on your research, is it possible to suggest there is a single narrative that explains how Latinos came to the United States? Or are there many? Explain, citing examples from the video clips.
- What are some of the important national or international events that are linked to the experiences of the individuals you chose? In other words, how do these personal stories represent broader historical trends of political and economic change in the Americas?
- Why might Puerto Ricans in particular take issue with being perceived as immigrants?
- Do you know your own family's story of arrival to the United States? If not, what would you presume about that arrival experience? How might the experience of the characters from **Latino Americans** be similar or different to your family's story of arrival?
- What are some of the stereotypes about when and how Latinos have come to the United States? In what ways do the stories you researched challenge stereotypes about Latinos and how they have arrived in this country?