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## Narrative Essay guidelines:

### “Coming to America”

Write an essay about your story of coming to America. You have 2 options for writing this essay.

Option #1 - Write a normal essay using the past tense for past experiences, and the present tense for the final paragraph.

Option #2 - Write a journal style essay. You will use the present tense for each entry of the journal.

The essay will follow the following format:

1. Part 1 - When you found out that you were coming to America (*at least 2 paragraphs*)
  - a. Who told you?
  - b. Where were you when you found out?
  - c. How did you feel?
  - d. Who did you tell about it?
2. Part 2 - Preparing (*at least 2 paragraphs*)
  - a. How did you prepare to leave?
  - b. What were you allowed to bring (ex. 1 suitcase, all your things...)
  - c. Did you have to leave some things, give them away, donate, throw them out?
  - d. How long did you have to prepare to leave?
  - e. How did you feel?
3. Part 3 - Leaving (*at least 1 paragraph*)
  - a. Plane, train, bus, car, donkey, swimming... I don't know so tell me
  - b. How did you feel?
4. Part 4 - The first days, weeks, months
  - a. Maybe you registered for school
  - b. Where did you live?
  - c. Did you come straight to NYC?
  - d. How was your living situation? (you own room, shared, living with family?)
  - e. What was your first impression of living here, how was it different than your home country?
  - f. Was it easy or hard to make friends?
  - g. How did you feel?
5. Part 5 - Now
  - a. Compare your ideas about America before you came, to now
    - i. Did you think the food would be good?
    - ii. Did you think NYC was dangerous?
    - iii. Did you think you would be the only (Chinese/Benagli/Spanish) person?
    - iv. Did you think everyone had guns in NYC?
    - v. Did you think life would be easier/harder?
  - b. You don't need to answer all those questions, just some suggestions