

**cultural identity:** a sense of personal connection with a particular culture group

**acculturation:** change of lifestyle in which immigrants adapt to the ways of their adopted country enough to fit in and support themselves, but maintain as much of their own traditions as possible (sometimes called the “salad bowl” approach)

**assimilation:** change of lifestyle in which immigrants give up their traditional culture and follow the ways of their adopted country (sometimes called the “melting-pot” approach)

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**cultural landscape:** the evidence of human activity on a physical environment

**culture:** the learned behavior of people, including their languages, belief systems, social structures, institutions, and material goods (e.g., food, clothing, tools, buildings, technology, art, music)

**diaspora:** the scattering of a population from its traditional homeland, usually due to involuntary (forced or impelled) migration

**emigrant:** a person who leaves a country to reside in another

**emigration:** leaving one country to move to another (e.g., the Lost Boys emigrated from Sudan)

**Immigrant:** a person who enters a new country from another to take up residence

**Immigration:** moving into a new country (e.g., the Lost Boys immigrated to the United States)

**migration (human):** the movement of people from one place in the world to another for the purpose of taking up permanent or semipermanent residence, usually across a political boundary

**impelled migration (also called “reluctant” or “imposed” migration):** individuals are not forced out of their country, but leave because of unfavorable situations such as warfare, political problems, or religious persecution

**refugee:** a person who is residing outside the country of his or her origin due to fear of persecution for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership in a particular social group, or political opinion

**resettlement:** official policy of moving refugees to new, permanent homes, usually in a different country

For background information on human migration, see the [National Geographic Xpeditions: Human Migration Guide](#) (Grades 9-12).