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Who's in Your Family's Melting Pot?

Please talk to your family and pick out one relative you would like to talk about when you visit Shawnee Town 1929 for our program on immigrating to America. Fill in the information about that person below and bring this with you when you come. Thanks! Can't wait to hear your relative's story!

Name of relative who immigrated to this country _____

What country did he/she come from? _____

What year (approximately if you don't know the exact year) _____

Do you have a story to tell about when he/she came here? _____

Possible questions to ask your relative: What did your relative bring to America? (Ex: a favorite toy, a prayer book, a shawl or quilt, a tool used in his/her profession like a carpenter's favorite tool, seeds a farmer would plant, fabric a seamstress would sew, etc.) Did your relative come to America by boat or plane or by walking across a border? (Ex: Canada or Mexico) Did something happen on the journey that they remember? What American city or state did they arrive in first? Where did they live when they first arrived? Did they stay there or did they move somewhere else in the United States?) OR is your relative Native American so he or she was one of the original Americans? If so, what tribe and what area of the country did that relative live in?

Sample story - My relative is my grandfather, Frank Uhler, who came to America from Czechoslovakia by boat in 1906. He came here because he didn't want to be drafted into the army by the Russian Tsar. He came alone and arrived in Texas and then moved to Arizona to find work. He was a sausage maker and I've been told that he was the best sausage maker in all of Czechoslovakia! He brought some of his sausage-making tools with him on the boat. He worked hard and sent money back to Czechoslovakia for my grandmother and their four children to come to America. My grandmother, Antoinette, and the children arrived here in 1910. She and my grandfather had 6 more children. My dad is the youngest of their 10 children and he was born in Mesa, Arizona in 1919.