

# WHO GETS IN?

You are the President's Advisor on Immigration. The President has been presented with seven candidates applying for citizenship to this country. Due to the overwhelming public opinion, it has been agreed that only one of these candidates will be granted citizenship. Because of the President's limited amount of time, you must write a short position paper (**maximum two pages**) explaining which candidate would be best. Be sure to address not only why the applicant you choose is the most deserving but also why the others are not. Keep in mind once you let this candidate into the country you are establishing a precedent to let many candidates from the same location in as well.

Your paper may be no longer than **two typed, double spaced, 12 point font no fooling with the margins pages**. The President may not be very smart in your opinion but they are not blind either. You will embarrass yourself by altering the length of your paper using one of these techniques.

The key to this assessment will be to support your opinion with evidence. An opinion without evidence to support it will result in a poor grade on this paper. You will be provided with testimony from all seven candidates for citizenship to base your position on.

You will first need to write a rough draft of your paper to bring to class for a day of editing. Consider this a Collins Type I assignment with high expectations: while you will not be punished for errors, I hope that you will bring your best work to class. The rough draft must be submitted as a Google Doc to a folder that has been created for your class. Simply submitting the rough draft is worth 10 points. Please come to class on the day the rough draft is due prepared to submit your work.

The final draft will be worth 45 points: 15 points for Support for Position, 10 points each for Evidence and Examples, Position Statement and Grammar and Spelling. Please consult the rubric for the assignment for more details.

## **TESTIMONY OF THE CANDIDATES**

### **CANDIDATE A**

Candidate A is from Western Europe and English speaking. They have been persecuted in their home country but no violent acts have been taken against them. They are seeking citizenship in the United States so that they may practice their religion freely. While they have a skill set to be able to support themselves in the United States, they have been impoverished because they have had to move constantly in an attempt to find a community that would accept them. The fact that no one in the communities that they have lived in were willing to hire them or do business with them is also a factor in their socio-economic status at this point. Therefore, while they would eventually be able to support themselves in the United States, they will certainly need government assistance to survive at the start.

### **CANDIDATE B**

Candidate B is from Central Europe and does not speak English. Like Candidate A, they have been persecuted in their home country but, unlike Candidate A, there are unconfirmed reports that there has been violence used against members of this candidate's ethnic group. Candidate B has the skills to support themselves in this country and is well educated but is impoverished because, as they claim, the government in their home country has taken most of their belongings. There is significant pressure on both sides of this Candidate's application. Many Americans do not want this candidate admitted because it would indicate the United States passing judgment on what is going on in this country and a possible entry into foreign conflict. At the same time, there are people with ancestors from this country and human-rights groups that are outraged at the possibility that the United States might not admit this candidate.

### **CANDIDATE C**

Candidate C is from a war-torn country in Asia. During the past twenty years in their home country, there has been a civil war and two separate countries have invaded. They are illiterate and impoverished. Many politicians including a former President have come forward to state that refugees from this candidate's country should be admitted to the United States. Many private citizens and organizations have also announced that they would be willing to support refugees from this country. Your researchers at the Immigration Offices estimate that if this group of people are admitted into this country, it would necessitate over \$1 billion in government aid in order to support them. This number does not include the private funds that would also be donated.

### **CANDIDATE D**

Candidate D comes from a country located in the Caribbean. They are poorly educated, do not speak English, and are impoverished. Despite this, many members of this group have relatives in the United States that are willing to support them so they would not be a burden to the government. This candidate is fleeing their country because they are denied many of the rights that Americans enjoy. There is also a shortage of many basic goods including food. There are fears in the U.S. government of what would happen if this candidate is admitted: a precedent would be established that could lead to a mass exodus of people into this country. The ruler of this country has made it clear that they do not oppose opponents of their government leaving stating, "We don't want them, we don't need them!" There are rumors, though, that this ruler is also hoping that the United States will open their doors to refugees from their country so that they can export criminals and vagrants here as well.

### **CANDIDATE E**

Candidate E comes from an Asian country that the United States has recently fought a war against. The candidate is from the upper middle class and is well educated but does not speak English. This candidate has shown the ability to support themselves in this country as well as pay for their journey to this country. This candidate is seeking to move to the United States because their native country has been impoverished due to this recent war. The reservation that many express about accepting this candidate is the possible discrimination that they would face upon arriving here. While negative sentiment towards this country has decreased since the end of the war, there are fears that it would skyrocket if immigrants from this country began to enter the country.

### **CANDIDATE F**

Candidate F comes from a Western European country, is poorly educated but speaks English, and is impoverished. The situation in this candidate's country is dire. There is a massive split between haves and have-nots. The lower class in this country is dying from starvation and many are without the means to support themselves. While this candidate's country is from a part of the world where the United States has many friends and while immigrants from this country blend in in the United States, they also have a history of being discriminated against. Chances are that this candidate will have difficulty finding work in this country because many employers discriminate against this group, they will need significant government support.

## **CANDIDATE G**

Candidate G comes from a Central American country, is impoverished, poorly educated, does not speak English, but does possess a skill set that makes this candidate very likely to be able to secure a job once they settle in this country. Because of the proximity of this country to the United States, many people from this candidate's country enter illegally. As illegal immigrants, they have access to benefits such as public education and emergency health care that angers many citizens. At the same time, they do pay taxes on the wages they earn and do not use some of the most costly government services such as welfare. The government also spends a great deal of money already trying to catch illegal immigrants from this candidate's country. Because of their limited skills, though, many people fear that they would eventually become a drain on this country if there are not enough jobs to support these people as well as the jobs they take from Americans.