**Where Did I Come From?**

***Family Immigration: Honor’s Project***

Over the past few weeks, we have discussed how North America became inhabited. We have discussed the resources, the climate, and the motivation that people had in order to emigrate from their old land to this “new world.” How does all of this connect to **you?**

Have you ever asked your family why you live in Colorado? How about where your family came from? Do you have ancestors who once lived in another country? How has the Columbian Exchange and Globalization created the opportunities for you to end up exactly where you are today?

You will be interviewing family members and doing research on your ancestors and their immigration patterns. Follow the steps below to help you illustrate **your** story.

This project will require you to trace your family’s migration history that ultimately led you to live in Colorado. We humans are a migratory species and unless you are living in East Africa, it’s doubtful that your family never moved to a new place. To better understand migration patterns to Colorado, I would like you to retrace your family’s migration history and get an understanding of how it fits into the bigger picture of Colorado immigration.

**Step 1.**

Gather information on the migrations of your family. This should include both:

* Interviews with family members. Include as many generations of your family as possible; parents, grandparents… When did they come to Colorado, how did they get here, modes of transportation, interesting things that happened on the way…
* Library research to compare and examine general migration patterns as well as filling in missing details with your best hypothesis.

**Step 2.**

Analyze and comment on the information. You should type up at least 2-3 pages of the migration history with your own analysis regarding larger immigration trends. This written portion should include all of the details that cannot be expressed on a map (discussed below). This includes things like motives for migration, interesting facts, etc.

**Step 3.**

Map it. On a World Map, you should trace how your family got to the United States. On a U.S. map, you will trace how your family got to Colorado if they didn’t head here first.