

RAFT

American Immigrant Experience

Assignment: *Become* an immigrant to the U.S. and convey their experience by writing a RAFT.

RAFT stands for:

R – Role of the writer (Who are you?)

A – Audience for the writer (To whom are you writing?)

F – Format of the writing (What form will your writing assume?)

T – Topic to be addressed in the writing (What are you writing about?)

From the Class RAFT Brainstorm List, I choose:

Role	Audience	Format	Topic

Personality – Who am I and what are some aspects of my character?	Attitude – What are my feelings, beliefs, ideas, concerns?	Information – What do I know that I need to share in my writing?

RAFT Writing Guidelines

- Write in the first person as your *role* (use details to make your writing come alive)
- Must be typed (12 pt. font, double-spaced, 1” margins)
- Minimum 1 page
- Worth _____ points

Possible RAFT ideas – circle the ones you’re interested in and add more that may be missing

Role	Audience	Format	Topic
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Polish child in Chicago (you create a name) • Mexican immigrant (you create a name) • Ellis Island immigrant (you create a name) • Wong Fey • Charles H. Paul • English language teacher at Ford Motor Factory 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • family back home • friends back home • Nativists • President of U.S. • others considering immigration • Americans living in your city • • • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • diary • letter • article in newspaper • speech to supporters • speech to opponents • poem • song • obituary • • • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • arriving at Ellis Island • arriving at Angel Island • Americanization • education/school • urban life • your neighborhood • “melting pot” • speaking English • reactions to your arrival (positive or negative) • • • •