

Unfolding Histories: Exploring the Settlement Experience

Classroom Resource

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The ***Unfolding Histories: Exploring the Settlement Experience*** is an open education resource featuring video interviews with nine newcomers speaking about their settlement experiences in Canada.

Use the resource in your language classroom to explore themes of settlement, belonging, and identity.

Each chapter contains short videos exploring the following topics:

1. What led you to relocate to Canada, specifically Alberta?
2. What emotions did you feel when you decided to leave your country?
What you're your biggest challenges in coming to Canada and Alberta?
3. Where is home now?
4. What was your image of Canada before you came and then the reality? Did you feel welcome upon arrival?
5. What are your plans going forward? Where do you see yourself 5 years in the future – do you imagine staying here or returning to your country?
6. When you are going through a challenging period what helps you get through – what sustains you?

NorQuest Specific Themes

1. How did you first hear about NorQuest? Talk about your experiences here?
2. Do you have any particular memories of classes, staff or faculty members who were helpful to you?

Sample Classroom Activities

Suggested Language Level: CLB6+

1. Writing

- Watch one or two videos from newcomers titled ‘Where is home now?’
- Write a poem or a personal reflection describing what home means to you.

2. Listening and Speaking

- Watch a clip of one interview as a class.
- Place learners into groups of 2. Assign one learner as the interviewer, and one as the interviewee.
- Conduct an interview using one of the questions found in the resource.
- Switch roles, and conduct another interview with a new question.
- Share one thing you learned about your classmate with the rest of the class.

3. Reading

- Download the transcripts of the videos found on the OER.
- Create reading comprehension questions to support understanding.