

Literary Essay Prompt

After the Mexican Revolution, many Mexicans were forced to flee to the United States. By the 1920s, at least three quarters of California’s 200,000 farm workers were Mexican or Mexican American. What caused these people to move? Explain two or more political and economic factors that related to this movement of people. Also explain the challenges that these political and economic factors caused. How did the Mexican people respond to these challenges?

What can you learn from this historical event and how can you apply this learning to the present day?

*Make explicit references to two or more credible sources that provide relevant information, and cite those sources within the paper.

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| Introduction | Tell about the Mexican migration to California after the Mexican Revolution. Explain that there were both political and economic reasons for the migration. | |
| | Describe how the Mexican people responded to hardship. | |
| Body Paragraph 1: | Explain two or more political factors relating to the movement of the Mexican people to California. | |
| | Describe the challenges Mexican people faced. How did the Mexican people respond to these challenges? | |

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| Body Paragraph 2: | Explain two or more economic factors relating to the movement of the Mexican people to California. | |
| | Describe the challenges Mexican people faced. How did the Mexican people respond to these challenges? | |
| Body Paragraph 3: | What challenges did the Mexican people face once they arrived in California? | |
| | How did they respond to these challenges? | |

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| Conclusion: | Summarize your thinking. | |
| | Apply this thinking to the present day. | |

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