**TERMS TO KNOW**

**Immigration v. migration:** *Immigration* refers to permanent relocation to a country. *Emigration* means to leave one’s country to live in another. *Migration* refers to the movement from one region to another, either within a country or across national borders.

*Transnational* means encompassing many nationalities without belonging to one or the other.

*Multinational* means identifying as belonging to many nationalities.

A *visa* is an official permission which temporarily authorizes us to stay in a foreign country.

A *passport* is a document that certifies our identity during our travels.

*Diaspora* is the dispersal of any people from their homeland.

A *diaspora* is a scattered population whose origin lies in a separate geographic locale. In particular, diaspora has come to refer to involuntary mass dispersion of a population from its indigenous territories.

*Borders* are the lines that separate one area, state, or country from another.

*Borderlands* are the districts near a border, or areas of overlap between two things.

*Censorship* is the suppression or prohibition of any parts of books, films, news, etc. that are considered obscene, politically unacceptable, or a threat to security. Censorship is the changing or suppression or prohibition of speech or writing that is deemed subversive of the common good.

*Cultural amnesia* is the phenomenon of forgetting cultural values, customs, mores, taboos, and ideals which may have once been embraced by the culture’s people as a whole, but have now been replaced by different customs, mores, taboos, and ideals.

*Exile* is a state of being where one that is cast from their home without the possibility of returning to that home.

*Cultural assimilation* is the process in which a minority group or culture comes to resemble a dominant group or assume the values, behaviors, and beliefs of another group.

*Representation* describes the process by which meaning is produced and exchanged between members of a culture through the use of language, signs and images which stand for or represent things.

A *selfie* is a photograph that one has taken of oneself, typically one taken with a smartphone or webcam and shared via social media.