

### 30-Minute Activity

The immigrant experience in America is perhaps like no other in the world. For example, when Bill Anawaty's parents came to America in the 1890s, they had to adjust quickly to American culture and find their own way. The game of baseball helped and brought people together.

Complete the chart below by reviewing the geography *concept* in the first column, then read the *question* in the middle column and then provide an *answer* to question in the space provided in the last column. Afterwards, combine your answers into a summary about the Syrian/Lebanese immigrant experience settling in Texas and how baseball played a role in helping them feel accepted.

#### Common Core Standard(s) met:

**CCRA.R.2** Determine central ideas or themes of a text and analyze their development; summarize the key supporting details and ideas.

**CCRA.R.7** Integrate and evaluate content presented in diverse media and formats, including visually and quantitatively, as well as in words

**W.9-10.1** Write arguments to support claims in an analysis of substantive topics or texts, using valid reasoning and relevant and sufficient evidence.

| Concept   | Question   | Answer |
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| <p><i>Push</i> and <i>pull</i> are terms geographers use to explain how immigrants are “pushed” out of a country and “pulled” into another one.</p> | <p>What factors <i>pushed</i> Syrian/Lebanese immigrants to leave the Ottoman Empire and what factors <i>pulled</i> them to the U.S.</p> |        |
| <p>Assimilation is the process of adopting or adjusting to another group or country.</p>  | <p>How did Syrian/Lebanese immigrants make a living in America?</p>  |        |
|   | <p>What challenges did Syrian/Lebanese immigrants find in America?</p>   |        |
| <p>Culture plays into an immigrant’s experience in helping them assimilate.</p>   | <p>What role did baseball play in bringing the Syrian/Lebanese immigrants a sense of belonging in America?</p>                           |        |