

Mission Reflection

Guiding Question: How do immigrants balance their commitment to family, cultural, and religious traditions with their desire to assimilate or explore the new opportunities in America?

After completing Parts 2 and 3 of *City of Immigrants* (“Family First” and “A Night to Remember”), discuss these questions:

1. What work and chores did you do as Lena? Were these paid or unpaid? Why did you do them?
2. How did you spend your time when not working? What did you do for fun?
3. Was it hard or easy to balance commitments to family and religion with assimilating (that is, exploring a new identity as an American)? Why or why not?