REFUGEE BRAINSTORMING EXERCISE

What struggles might you and your family face as newcomers in your community?				
SOCIAL	ECONOMIC			
LOGISTICAL	PSYCHOLOGICAL			

A REPORT OF AN EXPLORATORY STUDY ON THE ADJUSTMENT PROBLEMS OF DISPLACED PERSONS

Examine the report conducted by the Department of Sociology and the Institute of Management and Labor Relations at Rutgers University which "was undertaken with the objective of exploring certain factors which facilitate, or serve as barriers to, the assimilation of displaced persons".

Answer the questions below and compare your findings to the brainstormed ideas you previously developed.

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1.	Why does the report suggest that social relationships are crucial to assimilation?
2.	Beyond economic security, what does the ritualism of steady work offer immigrants?
3.	What is the 'common language' of the workplace as suggested by this report?
4.	Why does the report suggest that language competence could be a hindrance to immigrants?
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Extension Question:

What elements of your brainstorm have either been reinforced or challenged by the findings in this report?

HUNGARIAN REFUGEE DIARY

Assume the role of a Hungarian refugee that has just spent their first month at Camp Kilmer—a converted military post outside of New Brunswick. Construct a journal entry that chronicles your experience with the Rutgers community using the essential question below as a guide.

Requirements:

- The diary must be composed as a 1st person narrative.
- Use each of the 3 documents provided in order to incorporate specific aspects of your experience.
- Be sure to address your entire experience from arrival to present. You may wish to draw on elements of our brainstorming activity regarding what it feels like to be a refugee.

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