**Appendix 2: Myths and Realities Student Quiz**

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**Class:**

Based on your prior knowledge and beliefs, bubble in **True** or **False** for the following statements:

1. **Less than 1 percent of the world’s immigrants come to the United States.**
   - ○ True
   - ○ False

2. **Anyone who enters the country without government authorization is a criminal.**
   - ○ True
   - ○ False

3. **Immigrants are taking the jobs of U.S. citizens.**
   - ○ True
   - ○ False

4. **Immigrants today are less successful than those from earlier generations.**
   - ○ True
   - ○ False

5. **Most immigrants enter the country without authorization.**
   - ○ True
   - ○ False

6. **Most legally authorized immigrants come to the United States to join close family members.**
   - ○ True
   - ○ False
7. Immigrants come to the United States and resist learning English.
   - True
   - False

8. Immigrants commit crimes at a lower rate than an American citizen.
   - True
   - False

9. Nearly all undocumented immigrants come from Mexico.
   - True
   - False

10. Undocumented Immigrants do not pay taxes and take advantage of government services.
    - True
    - False

11. Undocumented immigrants entering the United States through the Mexican border do not have ties to terrorism.
    - True
    - False

12. If undocumented Immigrants make the effort, they could change their status.
    - True
    - False

13. Most children of undocumented immigrants are living legally in the United States
    - True
    - False
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### Appendix 4: Myths and Realities Teacher Guide

1. **Less than 1 percent of the world’s immigrants come to the United States.**

   **True:** Of the 175 million migrants in the world, the U.S. admitted 1,063,732 documented immigrants in 2002. Undocumented immigration adds approximately 350,000 people per year by INS estimates. ([Source](#))

2. **Anyone who enters the country without government authorization is a criminal.**

   **False:** Federal immigration law says that unlawful presence in the country is a civil offense and is, therefore, not a crime. The punishment is deportation. ([Source](#))

3. **Immigrants are taking American Jobs.**

   **False:** Immigrants often come to the United States because of the availability of jobs for them. These jobs are usually low-skill, low-wage jobs such as those in agriculture or service. There are also jobs that require specific skills that American workers may lack in high-skilled, high-paying jobs. For more information, refer to *Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide* by Tatyana Kleyn (p. 38-39)

4. **Immigrants today are less successful than those from earlier generations.**

   **False:** To truly see the success of immigrants we must look to the second and third generation. A recent study showed that present third generation immigrants’ educational progress was equal to or greater than that of European immigrants of the nineteenth and early twentieth century. For more information, Refer to Chapter 3 of *Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide* by Tatyana Kleyn (p. 40-42)

5. **Most Immigrants enter the country without authorization.**

   **False:** Around 75% of today's immigrants have legal permanent (immigrant) visas; of the 25% that are undocumented, 40% overstayed temporary (non-immigrant) visas. ([Source](#))

6. **Most legally authorized immigrants come to the United States to join close family members.**

   **True:** Most legal immigrants (about 75 percent) come to the U.S. to join close family members, although employment and escaping persecution are two of the other main
7. **Immigrants come to the United States and resist learning English.**

**False:** Most immigrants do learn some English, but their children or grandchildren may only learn English. Refer to Chapter 3 of *Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide* by Tatyana Kleyn (p. 42-43)

8. **Immigrants commit crimes at a lower rate than U.S. citizens.**

**True:** The reality is that immigrants are actually less likely than U.S.-born individuals to commit crimes. The percentage of men between eighteen and thirty-nine years old who are in prison is 3.5 percent for those born in the United States and only .7 percent for immigrants. Refer to Chapter 3 of *Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide* by Tatyana Kleyn (p. 43-45)

9. **Nearly all undocumented immigrants come from Mexico.**

**False:** Mexicans only account for 59 percent of undocumented immigrants in the United States. Another 17 percent of undocumented immigrants are Latinos from other Latin American countries. Refer to Chapter 3 of *Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide* by Tatyana Kleyn (pg. 46)

10. **Undocumented Immigrants do not pay taxes and take advantage of government services.**

**False:** Undocumented immigrants pay taxes in a variety of ways. Any time they purchase and item or pay for their housing, they are providing local, state, or national dollars. Refer to Chapter 3 of *Immigration: The Ultimate Teen Guide* by Tatyana Kleyn (p. 46-47)

11. **Undocumented immigrants entering the United States through the Mexico border do not have ties to terrorism.**

**True:** Not a single terrorist has been caught crossing the U.S. –Mexican border. All 9/11 hijackers entered the country legally (Source)

12. **If undocumented immigrants make the effort, they could change their status.**

**False:** It is nearly impossible for most people who are labeled “illegal aliens” to