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Defining My Research on Immigration Reform

I found several issues interesting when I was brainstorming issues. It was important to me to have a personal connection with the issue I would be researching. I also wanted the issue to be one that affects my country. After much brainstorming, the issue really presented itself to me. Many news sources are reporting on the anniversary of the May Day immigration marches in 2006. My parents were born in another country and their story of immigration and a new life in the United States has always fascinated me. My parents are citizens and my family enjoys visiting the “old country.” I know that this is not possible for many of my classmates, whose parents are illegal immigrants and cannot easily leave the United States. So my issue to research found me!

An important part of the May 2006 marches was a call for immigration reform. Deciding how to develop a fair system for immigration has been debated by politicians, but there has not been any legislation. The United States is a country built on immigration. We have a tradition of opening our borders to people who seek the religious and economic freedom and opportunity available in the US. Now many in the US think that we need to reform our immigration policies.

There are many views on the best way to change the US immigration policies and these views are based on beliefs about what the United States should be as a country. I want to learn more about how these different views could affect immigration policies. I will research organizations that support different ways of changing the US immigration policies. I plan to use the Internet and online databases to discover sources for this information. The research questions that I will use are:

- What are the different views on reforming immigration in the United States?
- How would each view influence immigration policies?
- If I were able, what changes would I recommend?