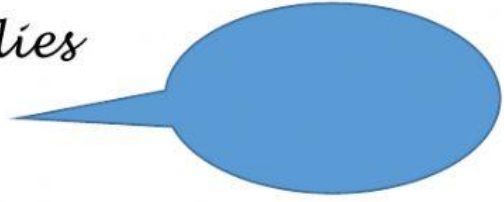


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Social Studies

Topic: Social Issues



Instructions: Read the notes below and answer the questions that follow.

Brief Notes

The Bahamas is a melting pot of many different cultures. If we were to look at the traditions and celebrations that are practiced in the Bahamas they all have roots in another country. That brings us to a commonly debated social issue in the Bahamas which is Illegal Immigration.

Immigration is the action of coming to live permanently in a foreign country. Illegal Immigration is where persons come to live permanently in a foreign country without permission. There are many benefits to immigration. For example it increases the population, add diversity to the population, brings new ideas and businesses within the country and creates global partnership. Immigrants to the Bahamas come from all over for example China, Jamaica, Trinidad and Tobago, Philippines and most common of all Haiti.

In the Bahamas the Department of Immigration is charge of immigration. The Director of Immigration is Clarence A. Russell. In the Bahamas immigration officers are posted at all airports, and ports of entry. Additionally immigration officers patrol the sea to protect Bahamian waters from poachers and illegal immigrants (among other duties as well).

When an immigrant is caught entering the country illegally they are captured and deported. The word deported means to be forcible sent back to their homelands. In recent times the word deported has been interchanged with the word repatriated which means to send someone back home.

Immigration legally or illegally bring positives and negative effects to a community.

INSTRUCTION: Use the phrases below to place in the proper column below.

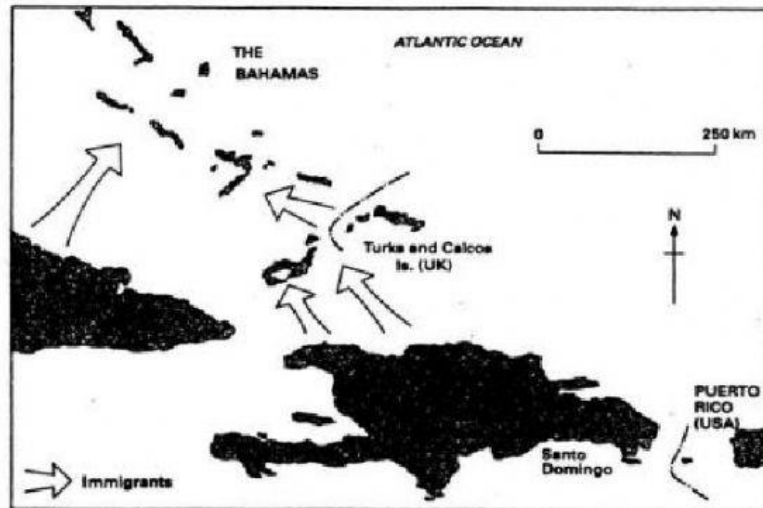
Creates a strange on health care	Brings new dishes; curry chicken, sushi etc.	Brings new jobs; engineers, hotel works, etc .	Increases crime; gang violence	Encourages building of shanty town
Creates crowded classroom	Increase population; mixed children	Effects unemployment rates	Increases bilingual speakers	Unfair to tax payers

Advantages		Disadvantages	

Question D (iv) Social Issue – Illegal Immigrants

Study Sources G and H, then answer ALL the questions.

Source G: A map showing the influx of immigrants to The Bahamas



Source H: Illegal Immigrants to The Bahamas

Sometimes people from other countries try to enter The Bahamas without official permission. Some are trying to reach the USA, others are looking for work in The Bahamas. Most of these illegal immigrants come to our islands by boat. If any such boats are found in our waters, they are stopped and the passengers are sent back to sea, beyond our boundaries.

If the boats are in too poor a condition to put back to sea they are brought in to Nassau. The people on board are deported to their own country – as soon as possible. Many illegal immigrants in The Bahamas come from nearby Haiti.

From: Primary Social Studies and Tourism Education for The Bahamas, Book 5

- (a) Most illegal immigrants to The Bahamas come from which country?

[1]

- (b) What is the meaning of the word "**deported**"?

[2]

- (c) List and explain **THREE** reasons for persons leaving their home to take up residence in another country.

[3]

- (d) "From as far back as the Eleutheran Adventurers, The Bahamas has been a 'safe haven' for settlers to our shores. It can still be that today." Do you agree with this statement? Give reasons for your answer.

[4]