

# We Are All Immigrants

*Lesson Plan for NOAH's play by NOAH*

## OVERVIEW & PURPOSE

To bring a discussion to the classroom and remember the importance of learning English and supporting each other, ESOL classes are very important to take and the role it has in our social and economic development

## OBJECTIVES

1. To understand the struggle of leaving your country for a better life
2. The uncomfortable feeling of not understanding and not being able to communicate with others but still find a means of communication
3. Importance of knowing your community and how it can help you

## VERIFICATION

- *Steps to check for student understanding*
  1. Questions pertain to scene
  2. Asking for their solutions

## ACTIVITY

- *3 scenes with 3 discussion topics that will be discussed after each individual scene*

**Scene 1: The actors are crossing the border.**

**Teacher to the class:** Why are the actors leaving their country? Can you relate to them? Do you know of anyone that left for those reasons? Would you like to share your story?

**Scene 2: The actors are at the airport and are hungry. The mother doesn't know a lot of English but she still tries and orders food.**

**Teacher to the class:** Not understanding what the other person is saying makes us feel uncomfortable. Who do you think was frustrated more, the mother or the person asking the questions? Has this happened to you? Do you order take out or at a restaurant? And how did you make them understand or you understand them? (pictures, hand gestures, etc) What could the mother have done differently? Why do you think she continued saying “yes”?

**Scene 3: The actors meet at an English Class.**

**Teacher to the class:** Knowing your community and nearby cities is important to know because you learn about events that are happening or who can help you with different situations. There are many places that YOU can learn English. Are you taking English classes? How did you know about the classes? Do you know of different places? Do you know how to get there? Do you know where to find this information?