

# Why Do People Move?

Week 23 • Thursday • Then and Now

## Reading Time

Long ago, colonists crossed the ocean for land, money, and freedom. Guess what? People still move for reasons like these today!

Maybe your family has moved to a new house, a new town, or even a new country. Families move for new jobs, to be near grandparents, or to find a safer place to live. Moving can feel exciting and a little scary — just like it did for the colonists.

When people move somewhere new, they bring their favorite foods, songs, games, and stories with them. That is one way our country became a home for people from all over the world. Every family who moves adds something special to their new community.

## Reading Questions

1. Name two reasons families move today.

2. What do people bring with them when they move?

3. How is moving today like moving long ago?

## Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

**move**

**community**

**tradition**

**family**

**journey**

**welcome**

## Then or Now?

Read each sentence. Write T if it tells about colonists long ago, or N if it tells about families now. Some might be both — write B!

| Sentence                                                     | Then, Now, or Both? |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Families travel in cars and airplanes.                       |                     |
| The trip across the ocean takes two months on a wooden ship. |                     |
| People move to find a better life.                           |                     |
| Moving to a new place feels exciting and scary.              |                     |
| People bring their favorite foods and stories with them.     |                     |
| Settlers build a fort with wooden walls.                     |                     |

## Think About It

1. Has your family ever moved, or do you know someone who has? What was it like?

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2. How could you help a new kid feel welcome in your neighborhood?

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## Fill in the Blanks

move jobs freedom foods community world

1. Families still \_\_\_\_\_ to new places today.

2. Some families move for new \_\_\_\_\_.

3. Long ago, colonists moved for land and \_\_\_\_\_.

4. People bring favorite \_\_\_\_\_ and stories with them.

5. Every new family adds something special to the \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Our country is home to people from all over the \_\_\_\_\_.

## Investigation: Family Moving Story

**You need:** a grown-up family member.

Ask your family member about a time they moved and write down their answers:

| Question                                 | Answer |
|------------------------------------------|--------|
| Where did you move from and to?          |        |
| Why did you move?                        |        |
| What did you miss the most?              |        |
| What was the best part of the new place? |        |

## Review

| I learned...                              | Circle one    |
|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Why families move today                   | YES / NOT YET |
| How moving now is like moving long ago    | YES / NOT YET |
| How new families make communities special | YES / NOT YET |