

READING GUIDE — IMMIGRATION

Understanding Key Facts and Concepts

1. How many undocumented immigrants were in the United States in 2014? Describe two effects this population has on the U.S. economy.
2. Describe the four categories of immigrants who receive priority in the current immigration system.
3. What is Arizona SB 1070? How did the Supreme Court rule on its provisions?
4. Briefly explain the central provisions of the Gang of Eight bill.
5. What is the DREAM Act?

6. What is DACA?

7. List the executive actions President Barack Obama implemented in 2014. Why were they controversial?

8. Are undocumented students eligible to receive in-state college tuition in the United States? Explain.

Seeing the Big Picture

Which quote at the beginning of the chapter do you most agree with? How do you think that quote relates to the issues being described and debated in this chapter?

Connecting Key Facts and Concepts to Ongoing Debates

Choose three questions from the previous section of the reading guide. For each question, explain how the facts and concepts described in your response relate to the overall debate about the issues in the chapter. Some questions to consider in shaping your answers in this section include:

- How does this fact/idea inform your views on the issue?
- Why is this important information?
- How could you use this information in a discussion or debate?
- How does this information relate to other concepts in the text?
- How does this influence the current situation today?

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Assessing the Arguments

For each issue debated in this chapter, choose what you believe to be the strongest argument in support of each position. Restate that argument and then explain why you believe it is such an effective argument.

Should Congress pass the Gang of Eight comprehensive immigration reform package?	
YES	NO

Should states offer in-state college tuition to "Dreamers"?	
YES	NO

Extension Question

In a one-page essay, describe what specific reforms you would make to the American immigration system. Some questions to consider when responding include:

- How should the United States deal with the millions of undocumented immigrants already inside the country?
- To what extent should the United States encourage immigration?
- Should the United States accept more of certain types of immigrants than others? (For example, more refugees, more high-skilled workers, more wealthy immigrants, more laborers, more families vs. single people, etc.) If so, why? If not, why shouldn't the U.S. make these types of distinctions?