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Beyond the Map:

Karen Gomez's Journey to Virginia



ESSENTIAL QUESTION: How can one person's migration story help us understand the challenges and opportunities of immigration?

PART 1 Mapping Karen's Journey

On the map, draw arrows to show the path Karen took from Venezuela to Virginia. Label each place.

- = Starting Point
- = Next Stop
- = Final Destination



Karen's Journey:

1. Caracas, Venezuela

2. Pembroke Pines / Coral Springs, Florida

3. Glen Allen, Virginia

PART 2 Journey Map: More Than a Move

Complete the chart below using evidence from Karen's oral history. Think about what happened at each place, the challenges she faced, and how she showed resilience or found opportunities.

LOCATION (Where?)	WHAT HAPPENED? (Describe key events)	CHALLENGE(S) (What was difficult?)	OPPORTUNITY / EVIDENCE OF RESILIENCE (How did Karen respond or grow?)
Caracas, Venezuela	_____	_____	_____
Pembroke Pines / Coral Springs, Florida	_____	_____	_____
Glen Allen, Virginia	_____	_____	_____

PART 3 Turning Points →

Identify three turning points in Karen's story. Explain why each moment was important and how it changed her future.

1

_____ →

Why was this a turning point?

2

_____ →

Why was this a turning point?

3

_____ →

Why was this a turning point?

PART 4 Reflection

1. Which place on Karen's journey required the most resilience? Why? Use evidence from the interview.

2. What does Karen's story teach us about immigration today?

3. Karen says, "Being an immigrant is like being born again." What do you think she means by this? Use evidence from the interview to support your answer.

