



Am I My Neighbor's Keeper?

A 7th Grade Project with Mrs. Shelton and Mr. Maloon



Driving/Essential Question(s):

What is the cause and effect relationship between immigration policies in the U.S. and neighboring islands?

How can we capture the personal experiences of immigrants from neighboring islands?

As student historians, we have learned about interacted with, and documented the history of Puerto Rico, Cuba, Haiti, Dominican Republic, and the Bahamas, to better understand the causal relationships that exist between the U.S. and neighboring islands.

To learn more about topics within our project we collaborated with various community members, including:

- Mr. Noumean Rashid - Immigration Attorney with Palm Beach Global Immigration
- Staff at TCS that represent neighboring islands
- Mimi Hermann - Arts Integration Artist in Residence

To demonstrate our understanding about the experiences of immigrants in our neighboring island nations, we:

- surveyed the TCS staff and students to find representatives from each of the islands.
- conducted video and/or audio interviews to document the personal stories of those connected to immigration.
- creatively told the interviewees story through song, dance, digital, and visual arts.

Standards/Learning Goals:

SS.7.C.4.1: Differentiate concepts related to United States domestic and foreign policy.

Big Idea: Demonstrate an understanding of contemporary issues in world affairs, and evaluate the role and impact of United States foreign policy.

SS.7.C.4.3: Describe examples of how the United States has dealt with international conflicts.

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SS.7.C.2.1: Define the term "citizen," and identify legal means of becoming a United States citizen.

Big Idea: Evaluate the roles, rights, and responsibilities of United States citizens, and determine methods of active participation in society, government, and the political system.

SS.7.C.2.13: Examine multiple perspectives on public and current issues.

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