

Student Organizer 3

Somali Immigrants in Maine

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Guiding Questions:

1. What stresses and strains did the arrival of over a thousand Somalis create in Lewiston, ME?
2. Why do you think the Somali residents "stick together"? Is there anything wrong with that?
3. Some of Lewiston's residents say that Somalis get preferential treatment in housing and cash benefits. Yet these are shown to be rumors. How and why do you think rumors like this start?
4. Somalis differ from traditional inhabitants of Lewiston in both skin color and religion. Do you think these characteristics will make it more difficult for them to be accepted, or not?

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