

**Settlement:** The relocation of a group of people to a new area, especially to an area not yet occupied by people.

**Migration:** The relocation of a group of people from one settled area to another settled area.

Factors that humans look for when choosing a place to settle include:

- Climate and weather
- Farmland and food sources
- Safety and shelter
- Easy travel options, such as good ports
- Fresh, clean water and air
- If there are people, friendly and healthy neighbors

Factors that humans look for when choosing a place to migrate to include:

- Availability of jobs or business opportunities
- Availability of housing and transportation
- Availability of services and information
- Safe, healthy, happy, and friendly communities

Settlement and Geography: (use pgs. 8 & 9 in the American Journey Textbook)

- What kinds of physical features do people usually choose to settle near?
- What kinds of physical features do people usually avoid?
- Using your map of Guam, which areas would early people most likely have settled?

When we talk about factors that influence the decision of people to settle or migrate to an area, we call them push and pull factors.

**Push Factors:** Any conditions causing people to leave an area.

- Examples: Too many people
- Not enough food
- War, disease, bad weather
- Bad government
- Not enough work

**Pull Factors:** Any conditions that attract people to settle in an area.

- Examples: Empty land or cheap housing
- Good farm land, lots of fish and game, lots of food plants
- Good weather and climate
- Good government (or the chance to make your own)
- Jobs, natural resources and wealth

**Exploration:** Travel to unfamiliar areas of the world for the purpose of discovery and learning

**Colonization:** Settlement of or migration to already inhabited areas for the purpose of seizing resources and gaining power and control of land, resources, and people.

After reading pgs. 4-11 in the American Journey Textbook, discuss the push and pull factors influencing European colonization of the Americas and Marianas Islands.