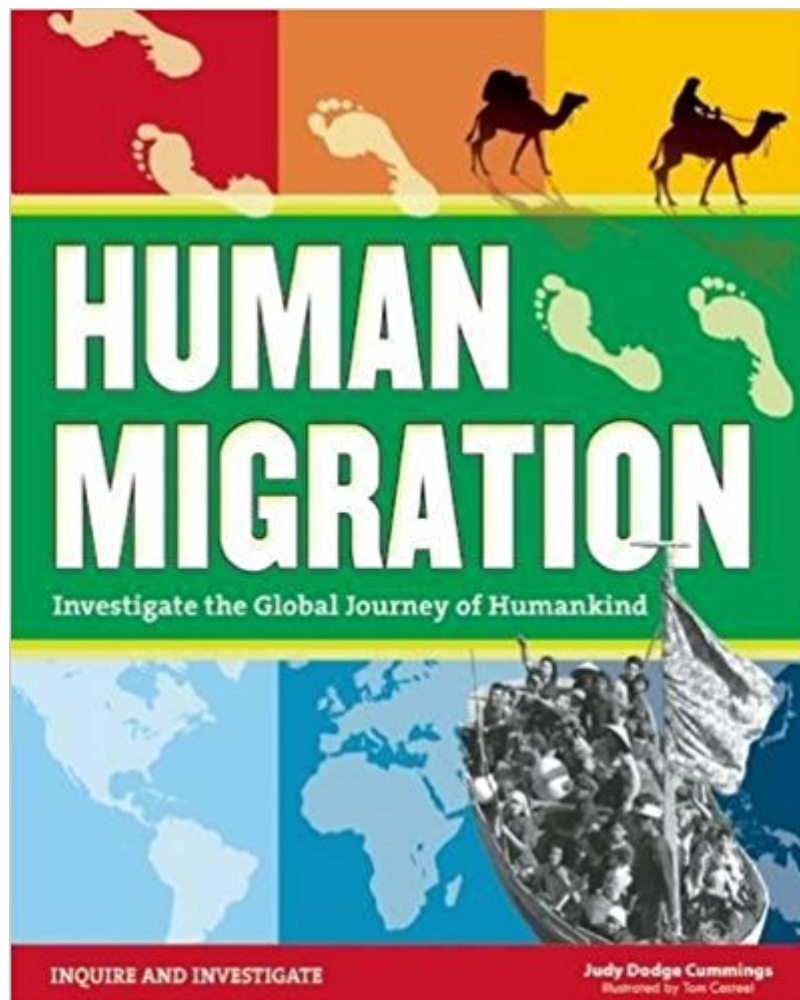




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# Human Migration: Investigate The Global Journey Of Humankind (Inquire And Investigate)



## Synopsis

About 200,000 years ago, humans arose as a species on the continent of Africa. How did they get to the rest of the world? When did they leave, why, and what did they use for transportation? Whether by bamboo raft or Boeing 747, whether to escape political persecution or because of climate change, migration is a recurring pattern throughout the human history of the world. In *Human Migration: Investigate the Global Journey of Humankind*, readers ages 12 to 15 retrace the paths taken by our ancestors, starting with the very first steps away from African soil. Understanding who has migrated, from where, when, and why helps us understand the shared history of humans across the world and the future that links us together. Kids discover how archaeologists, paleoanthropologists, linguists, and geneticists piece together different parts of the puzzle of ancient migration. Open-ended, inquiry-based activities and links to primary sources help readers draw inferences and analyze how these human journeys have changed where and how people live. *Human Migration* takes readers on a journey from our common ancestry to our shared future on an increasingly fragile planet.

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Gr 7-10 • An ambitious look at human migration from prehistory through the current Syrian refugee crisis. Throughout seven chapters, four of which cover prehistoric times, the author presents facts and theories about how the first humans made it to each continent and how and why they have migrated since. In addition to the main narrative, sidebars (some with embedded QR codes) are also included. Each chapter concludes with suggested hands-on activities, a vocabulary review, and thought-provoking questions. The supplemental links provided in the QR codes enhance the text; a YouTube clip of a man from the San people group speaking his language is engaging and relevant. All of the links are provided in the back matter. Regrettably, awkward transitions within and between chapters make it difficult to focus on the topics discussed. Though meant to bring levity to a weighty subject, the cartoon illustrations are juvenile in contrast to most of the text, and the lack of references for statistical data and personal interviews hinders students wanting to do further research. VERDICT Even with the captivating links provided by the author, the absence of source attribution and the uneven writing limit the book's appeal. • Hilary Writt, Sullivan University, Lexington, KY --This text refers to the Unknown Binding edition.

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patterns that include early Homo sapiens leaving Africa, scientific debate over how humans traveled from Asia to Australia, and the colonization of the New World. Throughout, Cummings notes how archaeological finds shed light on people's patterns of movement and highlights the motivations behind migration, whether forced or voluntary. Sidebars, reader-directed questions, and activity ideas offer additional ways for readers to consider how recent instances of migration from countries like Syria compare to those from centuries past. A timely and useful resource. Ages 12–15. Praise for other books by Judy Dodge Cummings: *The American Revolution: Experience the Battle for Independence* *School Library Journal* "Featuring a lively page design, this volume asks readers a series of questions to prompt them to consider the American Revolution. . . pages are filled with sidebars, vocabulary words, and definitions, and QR codes that provide access to primary sources. A useful resource." Jamie Kallio, author and youth services librarian, Chicago, Illinois; A fresh look at a defining moment in American history. Provides a full picture of the experience of American independence as our new country found its way. • Jodi Baker, elementary teacher, adjunct professor, and educational consultant; This interactive book will captivate the imaginations of young readers. Hearing both sides of the story encourages students to think for themselves and reflect upon the historical causes and effects of the American Revolution. • Claire Rudolf Murphy, author; The primary source material is exceptional, featuring the stories of not only colonial leaders, but also the often ignored people behind the scenes; the women, children, black slaves, and Native Americans who also played a part. Cummings' clear explanations of events make this book a valuable addition to the study of the colonial period. •

The writing is age appropriate, but the illustrations make it so much easier for children to understand the content. In my opinion the illustrations make this book clearer for young readers than the many other books about the same subject.

Cummings' and Casteel's book is a superbly written resource that would be beneficial to any social studies classroom or any home school curriculum. The book makes use of primary resources and provides nice excerpts to stimulate critical thinking and inspire further discussion. The use of QR tags for students to engage additional content online is a great feature that make the passages more interactive. The illustrations are bright and executed well to highlight key concepts in the text. I have been a Social Studies teacher for 15 years and this book is the kind of thought provoking resource that really helps make history come alive and will be a go-to book for my history courses

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