

**Family Information Sheet**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Please fill out the information and mark it on the United States or World map. Give the name of the city, state, and/or country. If you are uncomfortable filling this out, fill out only what you wish. We will be using the information in class to talk about why families move to Yuma, AZ.

**Student information:**

Where was the student born? \_\_\_\_\_

Label the location on the map with the letter **S** or color **yellow**.

**Parent information:**

Where were the student's parents born?

\_\_\_\_\_

Label the location on the map with a **P** or color **red**.

**Grandparent information:**

Where were the student's grandparents born?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Label the location on the map with a **G** or color green.

When and why did your family move to Yuma?

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\_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Class Information Sheet

**Directions:** Listen to your classmates as they tell where they were born. Color yellow all the states on your U.S. map. Then fill out the bargraph below and answer the following questions.

### Students Born in Yuma

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18		
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16		
15		
14		
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11		
10		
9		
8		
7		
6		
5		
4		
3		
2		
1		
	Born in Yuma	Not Born in Yuma

## Class Information Question Sheet

How many students were born in Yuma? \_\_\_\_\_

What fraction could you use to show that information? \_\_\_\_\_

How many students were not born in Yuma? \_\_\_\_\_

What fraction could you use to show that information? \_\_\_\_\_

Look at your map of the United States.

How many different states were students born in? \_\_\_\_\_

Name them: \_\_\_\_\_

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What are some of the reasons students have migrated to Yuma?

Name three reasons and use the word migrate when explaining.

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# Short History of Yuma

**\*\*Dates that are to the far left (and in bold) go with pictures for the timeline**

## Early Explorers

**1540** - Spanish expeditions led by the Hernando de Alarcon and Melchior Diaz sailed up the Colorado. They found and noted the natural crossing of the Colorado River here in Yuma. They marked it as a strategic site for settlement and also wrote of the existing indigenous tribes now known as the Quechan and Cocopah.

B. Resource to help: Map: Trails of Early Explorers through Arizona (labeled):  
<https://geoalliance.asu.edu/maps/historical>

1680s - Father Eusebio Kino traveled through Yuma while on an expedition to confirm that Baja California was a peninsula.

**1774** - Juan Bautista de Anza was charged by Spain to find a route Sonora to northern California. He made a friendship with the Quechan natives to cross the Colorado River in Yuma. This made Yuma a location on maps of New Spain.

**1779** – Father Francisco Garces founds the Catholic Mission near Yuma.

-1781 Quechan rebelled against Spanish and destroyed the Yuma Crossing

-1821 Mexico independence from Spain

-1846 Mexico and America break out in war

## The American Era

**1846** - Lt. Col. Phillip St. George Cook opens the Wagon Road to the West

1849- Gold Rush came right through Yuma. The quickest way to reach California was to cross the Colorado River in Yuma.

**1850** – First rope ferry is built across the Colorado River in Yuma. 60,000 travelers crossed over in one year.

-1861 Civil War Breaks out

**1864**- Yuma Quartermaster Depot. U. S. Army was established to help protect all the supplies that were being transported up the river to different forts. The easiest way to

send supplies was by sea and up the Colorado River. Yuma at the time was considered a seaport.

**1871-** The city is named “Arizona City” soon to be renamed Yuma in 1873

**1876** – Yuma Territorial Prison opens and is used until 1909

**1877** – The Southern Pacific Railroad builds a bridge from Arizona to California making this a coast to coast railway. This allowed materials to be transported faster.

**1909** – Marked the completion of the Laguna Dam on the River. This marked the start of being able to collect water more widely to use the land for farming.

1912- Yuma Siphon, a huge tunnel was dug which help lead the way for Yuma to become a huge area used for farming. The tunnel helped with canal irrigation.

1914 World War One

1915 first highway crossed the Colorado with Ocean-to-Ocean Bridge.

1939 World War Two

**1943** – Yuma Proving Grounds is established as a testing ground and training center for the Army’s weapons and machines.

1945 War Ended

**1959** –Marine Corps Air Station (MCAS) is created by the Marines to train pilots and test planes.

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