**Key Questions**

Students should be encouraged to explore the following questions in their research and presentations:

* What were the general experiences of this demographic group coming west? Did they travel overland or by boat? Was it easy? or more difficult? Did they migrate as a group or singly?
* What were the motivations for people in this demographic to migrate?
* Once in California, what was life like in general for this demographic? How were they perceived by those already living in California?
* How do you think the migrant experience today relates to the 19th century experience? Would it be harder to migrate to California today? Are the motivations for migration similar now to what they were then?