

## They Came to Wisconsin and They're Still Coming: Immigration and Settlement

This chapter deals with people who were not born in Wisconsin but who chose to make their homes here. Students will learn about the different experiences of immigrants who came to Wisconsin seeking a better life of one kind or another.

### *Activity 6.1 John Kroehnke's Journey on the Erie Canal*

#### **Overview**

In this activity students read excerpts from a diary kept by an immigrant who came to Wisconsin from Germany in the first half of the 1800s. It provides not only important insight into the period and immigrant experience, but gives students valuable practice in looking for information in primary texts.

#### **Management**

##### *Materials*

- Student Activity 6.1 (Teacher Pages 1–2; Student Pages 1–3)

##### *Grouping*

- Several groupings as follows: Whole class, small groups of 3–4, or individual students

### *Activity 6.2 Cris Plata Scrapbook*

#### **Overview**

Part I of this activity gives students an opportunity to look at snapshots from the childhood of musician Cris Plata. In the second part, they write a paragraph describing what they think Cris's childhood was like. These activities give students a chance to sharpen both their visual and writing skills.

#### **Management**

##### *Materials*

- Student Activity 6.2 (Teacher Page 1; Student Pages 1–5)
- Scissors
- Paste

##### *Grouping*

- Whole class followed by small groups or supervised individual students