**Diary / Video Diary Help Sheet**

**iGCSE Geography**

**Entry 1**. Leaving home in Mexico. To do this, you must find a location where you currently live (use Google Maps) and describe the push and pull factors that you apply to Mexico & USA.

Key people: Family, friends

**Entry 2 & 3** Crossing the border. To do this, you must plan out what the intervening obstacles are. It is likely that your journey will take you days and there are a number of physical and human barriers that could prevent you from getting to the USA. This can be dramatic as the journey is rarely straightforward.

Key people: Travelling partner, coyote, border control, Samaritans, USA property owners, vigilantes.

**Entry 4** – Entering USA and travelling up to New York. You must talk about how you travel across the USA to reach your destination. Who helps you? How do you do this without any money? Do you nearly get caught? How long has it taken? How far have you travelled?

Key people: travelling partners, lorry/train drivers, police, USA residents.

**Entry 5–** Your life and your job in the USA. You must talk about how you found a job, what the job is, how much it pays and how much in remittances you send back every month. Does the job live up to your expectations? Where do you live?

Key people: Employer, police, friends, USA government

**Entry 6** – Leaving USA and travelling back to Mexico. You must talk about why you are considering moving back to Mexico. What has made life so difficult for Mexican immigrants in the USA?

Key people: employer, USA government

Think of: The Global Recession.