

Essential Question: What does it mean for America to be a nation of immigrants?

Seven gateways: initiation  
deep connection

Personal History  
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Where is this?  
What Confederate monuments  
do we have in our city?

The world's largest Confederate monument  
was too big to perceive on my earliest trips to the park.  
Unlike my parents, I was not an immigrant *repetition*

What are some challenges with  
being 1st gen American?

but learned, in speech and writing, to represent.

Picnicking at the foot and sometimes peak  
of the world's largest Confederate monument, *irony*

we raised our Cokes to the first Georgian president.

His daughter was nine like me, but Jimmy Carter,  
unlike my father, was not an immigrant. *allusion*

Teachers and tour guides stressed the achievement  
of turning three vertical granite acres into art.  
Since no one called it a Confederate monument,

should the teachers and tour guides  
be held accountable, or is it good  
that the monument has no context?

*irony  
(invisible  
monument)*

*simile*  
it remained invisible, like outdated wallpaper meant  
long ago to be stripped. Nothing at Stone Mountain Park  
echoed my ancestry, but it's normal for immigrants

Is there anything else you can think of  
that is so large we don't even see it?

not to see themselves in landmarks. On summer nights, imagery  
fireworks and laser shows obscured, with sparks,  
the world's largest Confederate monument.  
Our story began when my parents arrived as immigrants.

Should  
immigrants be forced  
to learn American history?

Speaker: 1st gen American  
9 during Carter admin  
1st person POV

audience: public vs. private  
(title does both!)

Stanza: 6, 3 lines ex  
except last  
villanelle

Pattern: repetition "immigrant"  
monument

Literary Devices: imagery, irony

Satire: immigration, Confederate  
monuments, history

Universal Idea: Identity, Belonging,  
Knowledge

topic: 1st gen American reflects on  
her ignorance about the Confederate  
monument at Stone Mountain.

Attitude: positive

Tone: nostalgic, empathetic,  
confident

Irony: invisible monument, picnicking  
next to hate symbol, ~~immigrant~~

Theme: Knowing ~~our~~ history  
is crucial for a sense of  
belonging.