

Mr. Bruning - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Social Studies

Riverton Street Charter School – “Caravan” Writing Assignment

**Due: Nov. 2, 2018**



Members of a migrant caravan enter Mexico after crossing the Guatemalan border. John Moore/Getty Images

A caravan of *migrants*, nearly all of them from Honduras (a country in *Central America*) is making its way north from Mexico and toward the United States *border*. This is the largest ever procession of its kind with as many as 5,000 people in the march at one point. People in the *caravan* say they are leaving their homeland because of crime (gang violence), poverty, and unsafe living conditions. They are *refugees* seeking *asylum* and hoping for a better life in the United States.

**Assignment:** The U.S. government says it will not allow members of the Central American “caravan” to enter the country. If you were President, what decision would you make? Write a well-constructed, **two-page** essay meeting these requirements:

**Requirements:**

- 1) Two pages in length, typed or written.
- 2) Must make an argument and mention the counter-argument. You cannot defend both sides of issue.
- 3) Must cite information from at least two news sources.
- 4) Essay must be written with a clear introduction, main body and conclusion. Use coherent paragraphs!
- 5) On a separate page, include one news photo of the migrant march.