

# A New Home

Anthony Castillo calls two countries home. The 8-year-old was born in the Dominican Republic, a country in the Caribbean Sea. Later, Anthony moved to New York City. Some of his relatives still live in the Dominican Republic.

"I didn't like living [in the United States] at first. But now I do," Anthony told *Weekly Reader*. Anthony started to like his new home after he made some friends. He said that, in a way, he has already "seen the world" by having lived in two countries.

Today in the United States, millions of people are like Anthony. A recent government report says 56 million Americans come from another country. That means one in five Americans was either born in another country or has parents who were born elsewhere.

## From Far and Away

The United States is often called a melting pot. That's because the parents or grandparents of most of the people who live in the United States came from other countries. People who move from one country to another are called **immigrants**.

The people who are now moving to the United States come from nearly every country in the world. However, most of them come from Mexico, China, India, Korea, the Dominican Republic, and El Salvador. All those countries are located south of the United States or in Asia.

"[The United States] is made up of people who are so different [from one another]," said one of the report's authors. "This is what the United States is famous for. It is a very **diverse**<sup>1</sup> place, with people of all kinds of backgrounds. And that is great!"

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**1 diverse:** made up of people that are different from one another