

***Shutting Out the Sky* Opinion Prewriting Chart**

Immigrant selected: Marcus Eli Ravage		
Opinion on selected immigrants decision: (Topic Sentence) I believe that Marcus Eli Ravage, and other immigrants like him, made the right decision when he immigrated to America.		
Reason One: If Marcus stayed in Romania he would never be able to escape the poverty or his hometown. Marcus is convinced that if he moves to America, he will become rich.		
Page Number	Quotation or Event	How does this support your opinion?
3 and 4	“In Romania, young Marcus Ravage was convinced that emigration was this only chance to escape the poverty of his town, and to get an education.” “Surely, Marcus thought, this man was a millionaire. Marcus was convinced that if he could only get to America, he, too, would be rich.”	Marcus wants to be successful and the only way he can do that is if he immigrates to the United States.
Reason Two: Marcus wants to get an education and go to school. He does go to school after he moves to America.		
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88	“Marcus decided he didn’t want to be a peddler his all his life.” He enrolled in night school studying English, German, and algebra.	If Marcus had stayed in Romania, he would not have been able to go to night school and learn several subjects.

Reason Three:

Marcus successfully attended high school, university, and even authored several books.

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108	<p>“He graduated in 1909 and went on to study at the University of Illinois and Columbia University, becoming a journalist and a freelance writer.”</p> <p>“Ravage was the author of several books...”</p>	Marcus did get the education he wanted when he decided to leave Romania and move to America.

Conclusion Statement:

By moving to the United States, Marcus Ravage may not have become the millionaire he dreamed of being, but he did find his golden dream of getting an education and escaping poverty.