

## JOINING HANDS for a BETTER FUTURE

### **-WOUNDSCAPES- TENSION WITH NEW GEOGRAPHY**

New York, beginning of the XXth century. This European family has just arrived in America leaving behind their country, their family and friends, their language and way of life... possibly for ever.

Can you imagine yourself in the woman's situation? May be she is illiterate, but with the help of a friend (you are that friend) she was able to write a letter home telling them of her feelings, hopes and despairs, at the very start of her new life.



Dear diary,

Here we are, in New York, an unexpected fact. We've been forced by the situation, these times it is not easy to live through them, above all, in our country. We have to look for a better life. I don't know if this is going to be temporary and I don't even know if I'm going to see my family again. To help myself, I will write in this diary every month, telling the news and informing about our situation.

We have only spent a few days here, but we have noticed New York is too much for us. It is a very different place in all aspects. For example, it is very difficult to obtain food for all of us (because we are four) and not to starve; too difficult. Apart from the food, the language is confusing for us, and there are language barriers. Because of this, there are many misunderstandings. Also, people are rude with immigrants, and there are closed communities. However, there are many families migrating from Europe, like us, so we don't feel alone.

In conclusion, I hope that with the passage of time, we get used to this new life we have to live. Meanwhile, I wish the rest of my family happiness and health. We all are looking forward to seeing them again.