The depopulation of Ireland

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The 19th century and early 20th century saw mass migrations of Europeans to the USA to escape wars and political and economic hardship.
Jewish people queuing outside a Palestine & Orient Lloyd travel office, hoping to emigrate from Germany, 1939

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Totalitarian regimes over the course of the 20th century in Europe forced millions to leave their homes to seek safety elsewhere.
Following the devastation of World War II, Europe relied heavily on the work of external migrants to rebuild a shattered continent.
Family of guest workers from Turkey making their dinner, Germany, 1971

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Many guest workers settled in their new locations and became citizens of the host countries.
Heinz Meixner with his fiancee and her mother, Frau Thurau, show how they arranged themselves in his Austin-Healey Sprite to drive through the Berlin Wall in 1965

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A divided Europe until 1991 saw thousands of people risk their lives fleeing from East to West hoping for a better future.

Create a fictional character storyline based on one of these images, keeping the following in mind:

- Give your character a name and country of origin.
- Why is your character migrating?
- What 2 essential items are they taking with them on their journey, and why?
- What will they regret leaving behind?