

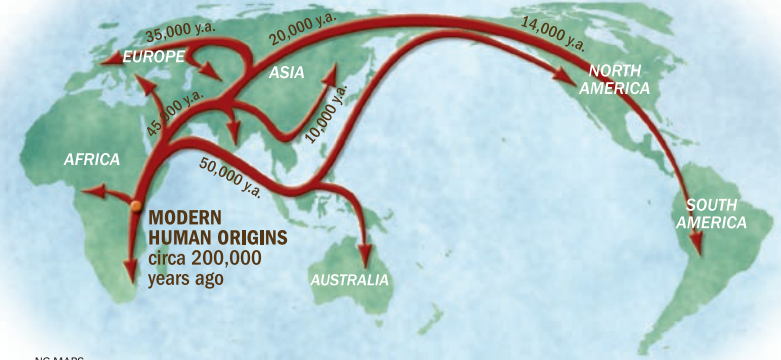
Human Migration

We think that modern humans appeared in Africa about 200,000 years ago. But they didn't stay in Africa. They migrated out of Africa to the Middle East and then to the rest of the world. Throughout history, people have **migrated** from one place to another. People, it seems, like to move.



▲ People moved from the East Coast of the United States to the West Coast in wagon trains.

Since the 17th century, many European people have moved from Europe to the Americas. They left Spain and Portugal and moved to South America. Many Northern Europeans migrated to North America. In the United States, most people arrived in New York. Some stayed on the East Coast, but many people migrated to the West Coast.



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So, why do people move? First, there is **economic** migration. People move to find work and a good life. Second, there is **forced** migration. People move because of **wars**; it is not safe to stay in their homes.



▲ These people are from the Congo, in Africa. They left their homes during the war, but now they are returning.

Of course, many people don't migrate. They stay in the same place all their lives. But people like to visit different countries on their vacations. People, it seems, just like to move.