

PROCESS PAPER

America is one of many countries that helped resettle the most significant number of refugees. The melting pot has a lot to offer, such as economic opportunities, education opportunities, and, most importantly, safety and protection. They work hard and long to support themselves and their families, despite the trauma they faced after the war. My project only shows some of the barriers these refugees faced mentally and physically. I chose this topic because it is still an ongoing issue that many third world countries face.

My research process started with the refugees I interviewed: Cher Yeng Khang, Samneang Moul, and Vinh Chung. Cher Yeng Khang is a father of ten children. He was a refugee who fled from the Vietnam War; his journey consisted of stories from bribing his way out of Laos to meeting his wife in the Ban Vinai camp. Samneang Moul, a director of the Harpswell Foundation. She was a Cambodian refugee who fled from the Khmer Rouge regime; her journey consisted of barriers she broke with the opportunities in America now she is a role model to many young girls in Cambodia with her organization. Vinh Chung nicknamed "Top Doc" every year since 2011 by Colorado Springs Style magazine, was only three when he and his family fled after the fall of Saigon. His memoir *Where the Wind Leads* consisted of what he and his family faced on the boat. The books I used like *Hmong* and *American* by Vincent K. Her and Mary Louise Buley-Meissner, and *Where the Wind Leads* by Vinh Chung assisted me with barriers these Southeast Asians broke. I also did background information on Britannica with what was happening in Southeast Asia.

I decided to do a website because, to me, it was the best option where I could include photos, videos, text, and quotes all in one. Breaking Barriers by Southeast Asian refugees is shown in this project through their unique journey.