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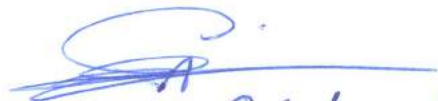
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My name is Afrah. I'm from Iraq  
I have been in Ottawa six years  
ago. I would like to continue my  
education and realize my dream.

  
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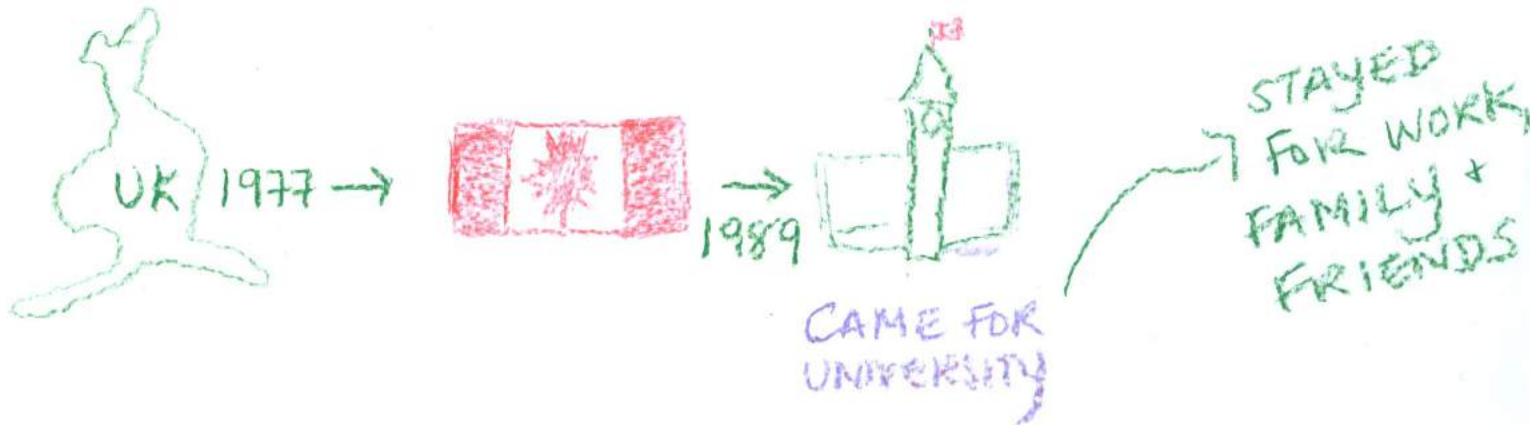
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my name  
is Sahra

I was born in Ethiopia. I came Canada in  
1991. I have nine children. Four sons (yo)  
Five Daughters.

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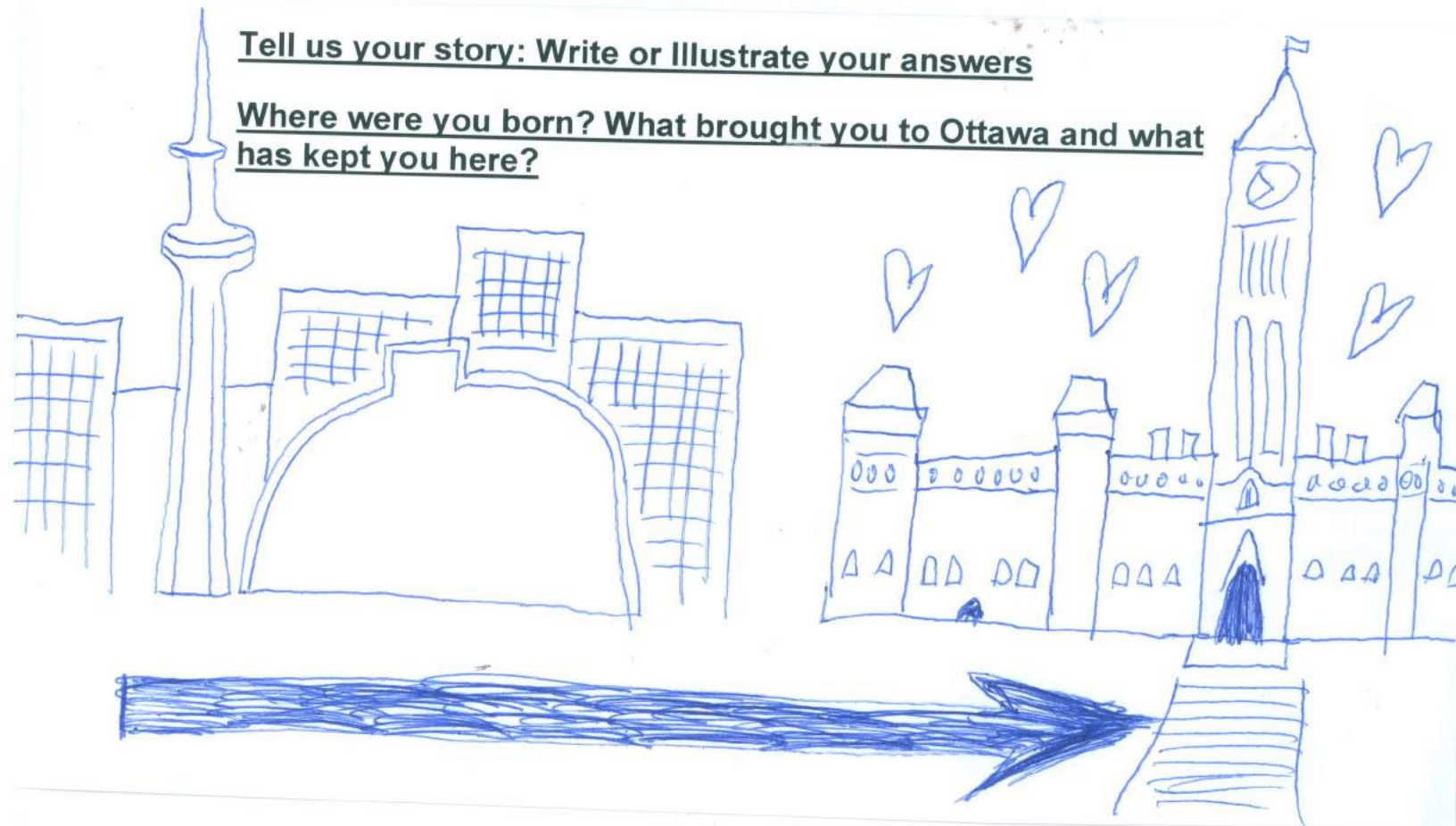
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I was born in  
Ottawa to  
Polish immigrants  
- first Canadian in the  
family!

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Newfoundland and Labrador.  
I came to Ottawa for new  
opportunities. I love this  
diverse and beautiful city.

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Born in Serbia.

I was there during the years of the Bosnian war. It is hard when you are young, to understand you have no choice, your voice cannot be heard, you have to put up with what life is giving to you.

Like any young person you have dreams and ideas about your life.

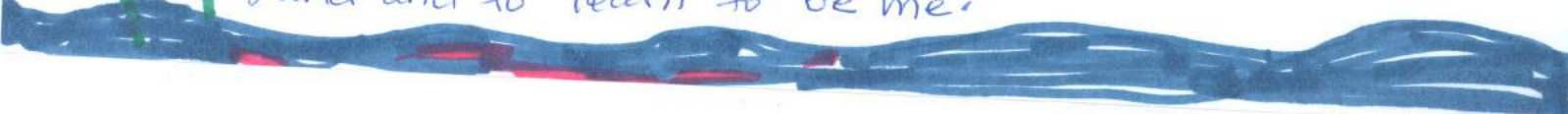
It is hard to watch your people die each day, families shattered, lives gone. For what? For some ideas politicians have, ideas that the media plays out to brainwash society into believing there are good guys and bad\* guys in a war, when actually it is all "blood". Sad. Today, you can go anywhere, travel to any part of the former Yugoslavia, and you wonder, why did people die - just to rearrange borders! This is why I left!

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I WAS born on a rock in the middle of the Atlantic ocean, wind swept, torn and tattered i survived like so many others and like to tell this tale.

I came to Ottawa i was following love or what i thought was love perhaps it was the catalyst, it worked. what keeps me here remains to be love, love of my partner, love of the people and finally the love of the land and to learn to be me.



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I was born in Ottawa, Canada. My parents were ~~born in~~ from Hungary. I lived in Hungary for a third of my life, but I returned to Ottawa in 2006. Originally I was only meant to stay for 6 months, but here we are in 2016 and I am still here. There are many opportunities in Ottawa to further your education, especially artistically in my case. That is why I am still here 😊

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I born in Nicaragua. I meet with my husband and my country we came to my country and we married and after two years he spouser me. And then we leave here.

~~And then~~ vivas.

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I was born in Iraq, I have been in Canada - 3 years ago  
I was ~~born~~ live in Gatineau and I moved last year  
to Ottawa to graduate my certificat.

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Montreal, but that's deceptive. Moved  
immediately to the Georgian Bay area +  
lived there for 16 years. Manitoulin Island.

"To join in a rock troll band"  
(well-country band)


Good place to raise a child, as  
cities go. Friends, work, family.



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I was born in Windsor ON and then we moved to London ON and then to the Ottawa Valley <sup>at 7 yrs old.</sup> Now I am from the Kichiissippi Waterhead.

I love our community, my neighbourhood & family + friends here XO 

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I was born in Vancouver, Canada. I lived there for 3 months. I then moved to Montréal, Québec. I came to Ottawa to be with family.



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BORN → England  
BROUGHT BY → Parents  
Kept here by → life, love, family, job  
FRIENDS

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Where were you born? What brought you to Ottawa and what has kept you here?

Hi, My name is Mesrin, I am from Iraq. To come to Canada I had to stay three years and a half. We faced so many difficult problems, no food, no job..... Our life was threatened in Iraq so we had to leave in two days and wait three years and a half. Please help people faster. Do something quickly save ~~safe~~ their lives!. Thanks

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I was born in Hyderabad, India.  
Brought here following the most ~~amazing~~ wonderful  
person - my husband.  
Kept here by the beauty, diversity, of Ottawa.

IF YOU THINK THEY SHOULD KNOW

I was born in Winsor my mother and I moved to Brampton but now I'm here and on weekends I go to GoodLife Fitness and I have a lot of fun. The last thing I was scared at my school classes when I was in kindergarten and I have a lot of fun in my life!

Your friend  
Renée Taylor

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Where were you born? What brought you to Ottawa and what has kept you here?

My name is Wakeed. I was born in Iraq.

I have been in Canada one and half year. I really like Ottawa, its very nice city.

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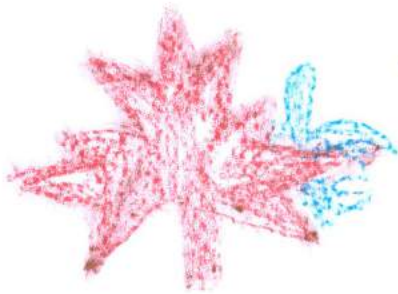
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I was born in a small town in Northern England from a long line of textile slaves and coal miners. My parents were factory weavers + when the industry moved to India + Africa, the mill towns closed. We emigrated to Canada in 1963 on the last ocean liner The Empress of England. It was difficult being the child of poor working class parents leaving behind generations of family. We got our refugee boxes from the mines + the church community. Our

Neighborhood was full of working class  
WOPS  
SPIKS A POTOKS MICS AND LIMES. Everyone  
was name-called. How long does it take  
to become assimilated in a small town?  
A generation in my time. Perhaps its much  
quicker now that we know we are all  
connected

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why I stay  
family  
community  
job.

Moved to Ottawa from Halifax because Ottawa had the lowest unemployment stats; when I was looking for work.

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My name is Fatina I was born and raised in Syria until the age of 16 and then a war happened there so we had to travel to another place. I traveled from Aleppo to Damascus and then to Lebanon after to Egypt I stayed 2 years and a half with my two siblings and Father My mom and my youngest sister came to Canada after 2 years and a half we got the visa and came here to continue our studies and to leave safe :)

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I was born in my homeland (Afghanistan), I came here with my family last year. Just we came in Canada with some bag of cloths and my documents from my last study and work.

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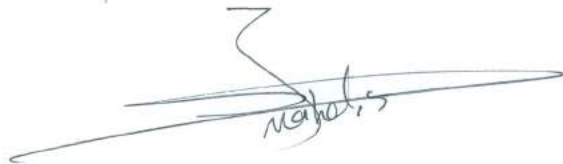
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I was born in Iran.

I came in Toronto it was so traffic there and I decided to moved in Ottawa

is nice place and safe and people are friendly and polite

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Majid' or similar, with a large flourish above it.



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My name is Fatima I came to Ottawa because of unsafe country. I born in Kuwait and I moved to Iraq then to Sairya and I am glad be in Ottawa I don't have to keep missing all memory, and my childhood.

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I was b. in Mtl. and moved to Ottawa to go to art college - I stayed and finally went to Univ; the first in my family ever.  
Besides that, when I was a child, my grand-parents (who immigrated) took <sup>(WHO HAD A HOTEL)</sup> in 2 refugee families fr. the U.S.A., I think they were "draft dodgers" of the Vietnam War - that is my childhood memory + adult memory to sort it all out. The police brought them to U.S.

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I was born in ARGENTINA, SURVIVE ALL MY TEENAGER YEARS UNDER dictatorship.

I lost friends AND I lived in constant FEAR.

I visited CANADA because MY sister moved here AND I felt in love with the freedom OF this country.

Then I literally fell in love with my husband

Andrew.

CANADA IS AMAZING!  
BUT A PIECE OF MY HEART IS IN ARGENTINA

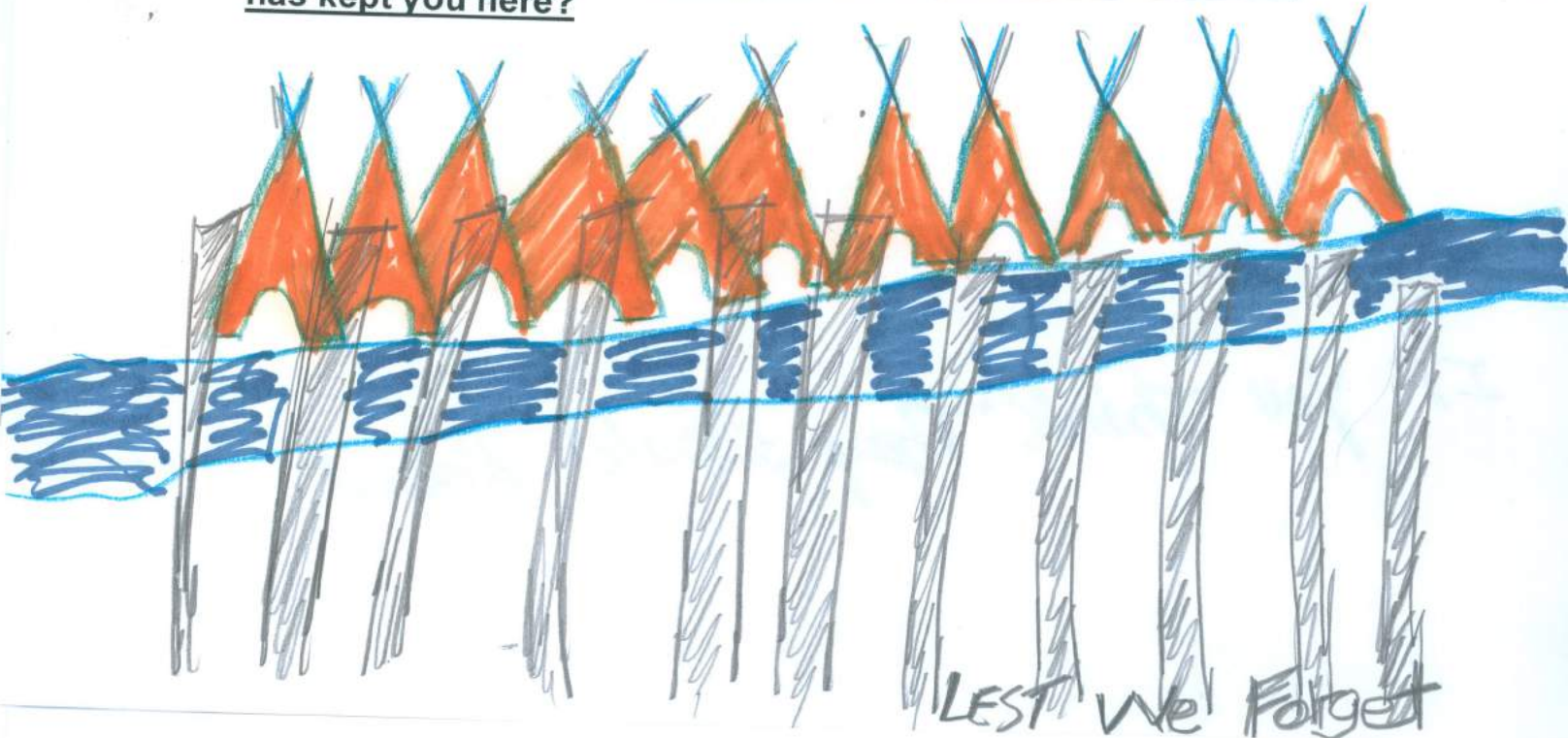
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I was born here - likely conceived close by - my parents lived on Kinnear and then Fairmont - My entire family has moved away over the years and I am the only one here now. I keep the home fire burning.

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I was born & raised out on the West Coast, in Vancouver, B.C. I would spend my weekends & summers swimming in the ocean & playing on the beach. I moved to Ottawa in 2009 because I got a job here & it was a more affordable place to live for someone starting out. I miss B.C., but I could never afford to move back.

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My name is Talal AL-Jashaami. I was born in Iraq in 1996. I came to Canada in August 2014. I lived in Syria about 9 years

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My name HANIFA WARDAK. I was born in Afghanistan. I came by Spouse case and it took about 3 years and 6 months. I think Canada is keeping with good security and no violence against woman and here in Canada government has pay attention to human rights and these all speciality kept me here. In our country, there is lots of violence so that's why I want to be here.