

Introduction to Push and Pull Factors. Secondary source written by Kate Bowen and Beth Slutsky.

Today and throughout history, people have moved to and around California for many different reasons. Sometimes these reasons relate to extreme weather, war, natural disasters, lack of food, or the loss of a job. These problems could put families at risk if they stayed in their community because they would not be safe or would not have enough money to buy food or housing. We call these reasons for moving **push** factors because these are the reasons that push, or encourage, people to leave one community to move to another. People also move from their homes in search of a better life. Better jobs and more opportunities can also persuade families to move from one place to another. These reasons are sometimes called **pull** factors because they pull, or tempt, people to move from one place to another.

Examine each image. Decide if the image is an example of a push or pull factor. Provide evidence of your claim.

Source		Push or Pull?	Evidence <i>What makes you think this is an example of a push or pull factor?</i>
1	Man's shirt collar	<input type="checkbox"/> Push <input type="checkbox"/> Pull	
2	Elsie Cross letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Push <input type="checkbox"/> Pull	
3	San Francisco after earthquake and fire	<input type="checkbox"/> Push <input type="checkbox"/> Pull	
4	Gold miner	<input type="checkbox"/> Push <input type="checkbox"/> Pull	
5	Thurston Baxter letter	<input type="checkbox"/> Push <input type="checkbox"/> Pull	
6	Picking oranges	<input type="checkbox"/> Push <input type="checkbox"/> Pull	

***Using the images and resources in the inquiry set, answer the question, Why do people move?***

People move for many different reasons. These reasons can be called \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ factors. An example of a push factor is \_\_\_\_\_ . An example of a pull factor is \_\_\_\_\_ . A source that shows a push factor for moving away from California would be [write the name of the source here] \_\_\_\_\_ , where \_\_\_\_\_ . A source that provides an example of a pull factor would be \_\_\_\_\_ . In this source, the \_\_\_\_\_ .  
People moved to and away from California for \_\_\_\_\_ .