ABOUT MOVERS

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COMPREHENSION

1. The speaker is an Indian emigrant living in England
2. In his opinion being a migrant require a lot of emotive energy.
3. He compares gravity to belonging.
4. He thinks roots are “a conservative myth, designed to keep us in our places”.
5. Salman Rushdie says that there are two ways of looking for freedom: “to fly and to flee”, so to find find freedom you need to run away.
6. He supposes that ICI or Ciba-Geigy or Pfizer or Roche or NASA came up with an anti-gravity pill.
7. The consequences of the anti-gravity pill will be that airlines would go broke overnight
8. It could be necessary personalize pills according with the needs of the user.
9. Gravity could cold stan for roots: by beating them, people would be free to migrate.
10. The best thing about migrants is their hopefulness, while the worst one is “the emptiness of one’s luggage”.

ANALYSIS

2) The speaker is both a migrant and a newcomer

3) The whole text is built on the metaphor of gravity. Salam Rushdie makes the read understand the simulates between gravity and roots (the sense of belonging). If you could win this strength you could “fly”, so be free.

4) Gravity and belonging are strengths that make people trapped.

5) in the third paragraph the writer says that if gravity wouldn’t exist people would be free to fly, in the same way, if “roots” wouldn’t exist people would be free, and every one would be a migrant.

6) Jonathan Swift’s “Man-Mountain” could be considered a migrant. For the locals is not importa from where he comes, but is enormous appearance.

7) I think the speaker conveys a positive idea of migration, but he also untwines some negative aspects, that give also a sense of desolation to the reader.

8) Get information about of the country you are traveling in , about his laws and habits.

9) Bruce Chatwin’s text is about travelling. His thesis is that all human activities are “linked to the idea of journeys”. Indeed our brain have an information system, mainspringngs of our restlessness. Moreover experience journeys exploiting the brain’s reaction to chemistry. Men used hallucinatory mushrooms, hashish or wine, but drugs are vehicles for people who have forgotten how to walk. Travelling is something people need because it is innate in them.

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1. Custom duties, raw materials, smuggling, bribery, satire, houses, realism, morals, depravity
2. Stable, tradition, elegant, witty, materialist, responsible, hierarchy, privileged, individualist, pessimism, optimistic
3. The Whigs were formed in 1680 – descendants of Parliamentarians – supported by the wealthy and commercial classes fought for industrial and commercial development – became the Liberal Party

The Tories emerged in 1679-80 – descendants of the Royalists – supported by the Church of England and the landowners fought for the divine right of the monarch – became the Conservative Party

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6. Material, hierarchical, local landowners, bribe, individualistic seizing opportunities