Reading Questions for David S. North, “Lessons Learned From the Legalization Programs of the 1980s” (2005)

1. What were the main provisions of the Immigration Reform and Control Act (IRCA) of 1986?

2. According to North, what are the shared goals of the IRCA with the immigration reform proposals of the Bush Administration?

3. What are the four different legalization programs of IRCA? (Be sure to be clear on the following terms regarding IRCA: Section 245A, SAW, TRA, and PRA)

4. How many people applied for legalization under IRCA? How difficult was it to be accepted?

5. According to North, why was there a bias toward the SAW program?

6. Why was there so much fraud in IRCA?

7. What new provision in IRCA was intended to make enforcement of immigration easier?

8. According to North, why did IRCA discriminate against non-Hispanics?

9. In the final two paragraphs of the essay, North explains why he opposes the Bush immigration reform proposals. What is it that North dislikes about the Bush proposal “end-game”?