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From the Free Online Dictionary, immigration refers to the act of moving from a particular country to a foreign country and staying in their permanently. Identity on the other hand refers to act of having a close affinity or similarity with another thing. From the book "Namesake" and "hell – heaven" both by Jhumpa Lahiri, immigration and identity have been the main issues. Both Gogol and Ushas mother have faced various struggles in order to fit in their new environments. As immigrants, the problems of racial discrimination, nepotism and favoritism are usually at their disposal. Fervor and enthusiasm are needed to handle odds that one faces as an immigrant.

when Ashoke and Ashima Ganguli migrate from India to settle in the United States. After a while in the United States, they sire a son who Ashoke names Gogol (Lahiri 42a.) Gogol is a name from the Bengali customs that is found in India. Even though they were living in the United States, they still maintained the Indian cultures. After the family's' eventual settlement in Cambridge, Massachusetts, they raise they son, Gogol, and after a while, they sire a daughter named Sonali. Both the names of the siblings are from the Indian cultures which their parents are comfortable to embrace even though in a foreign country.

Gogol grows big and discovers that his name is quite strange. He is disappointed about the situation and this makes him to hate the Bengali traditions that his father has put him to. By the fact that he is born in the United States, he has to be named under the American cultures

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