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| 00:00:00 | Life in Chapters |
| 00:00:32 | The African Chapter |
| 00:00:50 | The Austrian Chapter |
| 00:01:20 | The American Chapter |
| 2007.19.01b | |
| 00:00:05 | First five years in Morocco |
| 00:00:22 | Exposed to many nationalities at school |
| 00:01:21 | Morocco had strict educational system |
| 00:02:55 | Moved for father's job |
| 00:03:09 | Christians living in Muslim country |
| 00:04:20 | Clear up what interviewer wants |
| 00:05:00 | Felt privileged living in Morocco |
| 00:05:23 | Felt at home in Bulgaria |
| 00:05:38 | Social nature of Bulgarian culture |
| 00:07:05 | Attending French school |
| 00:08:03 | Learning English |
| 00:10:20 | Immersion training |
| 00:11:27 | Attending college |
| 00:11:46 | Belgian attitude towards college |
| 00:12:22 | Attending college in Austria |
| 00:12:52 | Western European and American immigration experience differences |
| 00:15:20 | Meeting her husband |
| 00:16:11 | Age when immigrating to America |
| 00:16:29 | Why she came to America |
| 00:17:08 | Did not plan on coming to America |
| 00:18:00 | Experiences as a child helped her assimilate |
| 00:19:07 | Expectations were not realistic from American movies |
| 00:20:36 | You must make a place yours |
| 00:21:33 | Americans feel threatened by many different nationalities |
| 00:22:52 | Finished French degree in America |
| 00:24:41 | Teaching foreign languages made her accent a plus |
| 00:26:15 | Living her faith wherever she was |
| 00:31:45 | Austrian official immigration harder |
| 00:31:59 | American naturalization process |
| 00:36:10 | Return to Bulgaria every summer notice changes |
| 00:40:25 | Misconceptions of Americans about Bulgaria |
| 00:41:24 | Relationship with parents |
| 00:43:21 | Community involvement |
| 00:44:53 | Technology made immigrating easier |
| 00:47:22 | Having her own family made it easier to immigrate |
| 00:49:11 | Family did not expect support from them |
| 00:50:22 | Full time student |
| 00:51:12 | Religion has been a theme in her life |
| 00:53:01 | Her personality traits |
| 00:54:23 | Plan to return home to help |

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| 00:55:55 | Miss social life in Bulgaria |
| 00:56:50 | Housing in Bulgaria |
| 00:58:11 | Class differences |
| 00:59:35 | Opinion of melting pot in America |
| 01:02:09 | Everybody should not immigrate |
| 01:02:45 | Teaching cultural differences in school |
| 01:06:12 | Americans immigrating |
| 01:08:01 | Accepting other cultures |
| 01:10:40 | Respect people and privacy |
| 01:12:34 | Almost drowning changed her attitude |
| 01:14:41 | Americans rushing life |
| 01:15:52 | Different countries family oriented |
| 01:17:09 | Opinions on spending money |
| 01:19:42 | Are Americans lazy |
| 01:26:01 | Experience countries by living there |
| 01:28:01 | Summing up |