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Understanding Migration: Push and Pull Factors

Instructions: Read the following paragraph and use the information to complete the chart below.

Thomas' family lives in Oklahoma City. His mother is a math teacher and his father is a veterinarian. Thomas has lived in Oklahoma City all his life.

Thomas' father is thinking about moving to Perry, Oklahoma. Many farmers need a veterinarian to help take care of their farm animals. This would pay better than taking care of city pets like cats, dogs, and ferrets. His father could earn twice as much money if they moved to Perry.

Thomas has lived in Oklahoma City all his life and doesn't want to leave his friends. He has also recently joined a soccer team he likes a lot. He really doesn't want to move at all.

Thomas' family likes a lot of things about Oklahoma City. But they are tired of the traffic and their neighborhood is noisy. There are a lot of problems at Thomas' school. They are worried about Thomas' education and about his safety at school.

Perry and several nearby towns need math teachers. So Thomas' mom could easily find a job. His mom likes her job in Oklahoma City, but she has always wanted to work in a smaller town.

List two PUSH FACTORS that could cause Thomas' family to move.

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List two PULL FACTORS that could cause Thomas' family to move.

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