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Some ~~From~~ Europeans from afar.

Yesterday was the last day of school and something great happened which I have to tell you about in this blog.

There were so many goodbyes ^{for my year} because it was ^{our} the last day of secondary school. Some teachers advised us, others remembered the past years with us but Ricardo, our history teacher, arrived to class with a guest: Radu an 18 year old gypsy boy, from Rumania, who lives in a caravan on the outskirts of the city. To come this far (to settle here)

Radu and his family travelled through various countries, like ~~there~~ ^{their} ancestors had way back in the good old days.

What did Radu have to do with our history class and why was he with our teacher? Radu told us that he had been living in Spain for two years, that last year he had

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learned to read and write almost by himself
 and that this year he could finally go to
 school. He gets up early and looks for scrap
 metal throughout the day. The work is hard
 but now he has an incentive: to finish quickly
 so that he can go to school. There is where
 he met Ricardo, one of the many volunteers
 who dedicate some evenings and almost all
 their ~~ex~~ weekends, to teaching young immigrants
 who have little or no money in an old
 school. According to Ricardo, Radu is like
 a sponge, who wants to absorb all the
 knowledge which up until recently would
 have been impossible for him to learn.
 He has lived in 4 European countries not
 counting Rumania, his homeland. He speaks
 Iromani, Rumanian, a bit of Italian
 and French, very good Spanish and
 as if that's not enough, he plays the
 accordion like his father. He told us
 he wanted to be a lawyer, like ^{old man} Mr Rafael,
 who founded the school, a grandullon!

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and is bent on, against whatever odds,
 helping his own those of his community

Ricardó reminded us that gypsies have been
 part of our identity and in European
 culture for the past six centuries. Sometimes
 they were accepted and other times they
 were persecuted. Lots of them continue to be nomads,
 even though they do not practice
 their traditional series like fortune-telling
 and music, for which they have always
 been praised for

Our teacher is passionate for European
 history and has been ^{throughout the year,} filling us with
 information about ^{themes such as} mixed races and migrations

Ricardó thinks that the one who is
 travels the most around Europe is the
 one who is most informed about it.

Radu agrees, even though now he
 would prefer to go to school, settle
 down and stay among us.