

## JOURNAL ENTRY #5

Eric Weiner's chapters on Vienna and Silicon Valley explore genius clusters that converge from outside of their relative locations: Freud was an immigrant from the Czech Republic; more than half of the Silicon Valley leaders come from outside the U. S. Each geographical location, however, provides the necessary support network in order for creativity to thrive.

Take a few moments to examine this phenomenon. What are the advantages to being an outsider in Vienna? To what extent do the circumstances of fluidity and shallowness support the entrepreneurs and inventors of Silicon Valley? What new ideas does Wiener develop in these examples that add depth and scope to his subject?

Write without stopping for 15 minutes.