

Social Studies 8 Summer Reading (Refugee)

Three young people are looking for refuge, a place for themselves and their families to live in peace. Separated by decades in time and by oceans in geography, their stories share similar emotional traumas and desperate situations. . . . and, at the end, connect in astounding ways. Josef in 1930s Nazi Germany, Isabel in 1990s Cuba, and Mahmoud in present-day Syria—all three hang on to their hope for a new tomorrow in the face of harrowing dangers.

Read the book and complete the discussion questions!

- At the end of each answer include the page number (s) where you found your information.
- Your answers should be in complete sentences.
- Write the question and the answer for each number.

Discussion Questions

1. Why did Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud's families leave their homes? How are their situations similar and different? *(5-7 sentences)*
2. Compare the method of travel for each of these refugee families. What are the threats and obstacles faced by each family? How are they similar and different? *(5-7 sentences)*
3. What do you feel is the most important idea or moment in each of these stories? Use a quote from each story to support your argument. *(5-7 sentences)*
4. Which story did you find most powerful, surprising, or interesting? Why? *(5-7 sentences)*

To submit your document

Make a Google Drive folder titled "Last Name Social Studies 8". Please use *your* last name instead of typing "last name"...

- Share it with me (dwalp@mamail.net) and provide editing privileges.
- Complete the written response on a Google document titled "(Last Name) Refuge Summer Reading".
- Make sure you put the document inside your "Social Studies 8" folder so I can see it.
- If you are unable to submit via Google document, then you may email the assignment to me (dwalp@mamail.net).

- This assignment counts as a **50-point quiz grade** and is **due on the first day of school**.
- A **late penalty (5 point minimum)** will be given for assignments submitted after the first day of school.
- You can earn a **5 point early bird bonus** if you complete and submit your written response by **Sunday, August 20**.