

Teaching Instructions – Syria: Civil war and refugee crisis

Watch the videos “If London were Syria” (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/If_London_Were_Syria) **If London Were Syria**, titled on YouTube *Most Shocking Second a Day Video*, is a short film commercial (the YouTube video is 93 seconds) created by Don't Panic London for Save The Children UK, marking the third (and fifth) anniversary of the Syrian Civil War. It features a young British girl experiencing the effects of a hypothetical civil war on the streets of London. Everything depicted in the video was based on the factual accounts of children in Syria. The video's purpose is to depict what life is like for kids as war erupts in their country, in order to bring attention for kids involved in the ongoing Syrian Civil War.

Most shocking second a day video 1 & 2
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aa3o7vWG93w>

Discuss with your class what they know about being a refugee and the Syrian War.

Read the texts about the Syrian civil war and “A refugee’s story”, written by Muslu Cicek and hand out the task sheet TM_1048.

Solutions

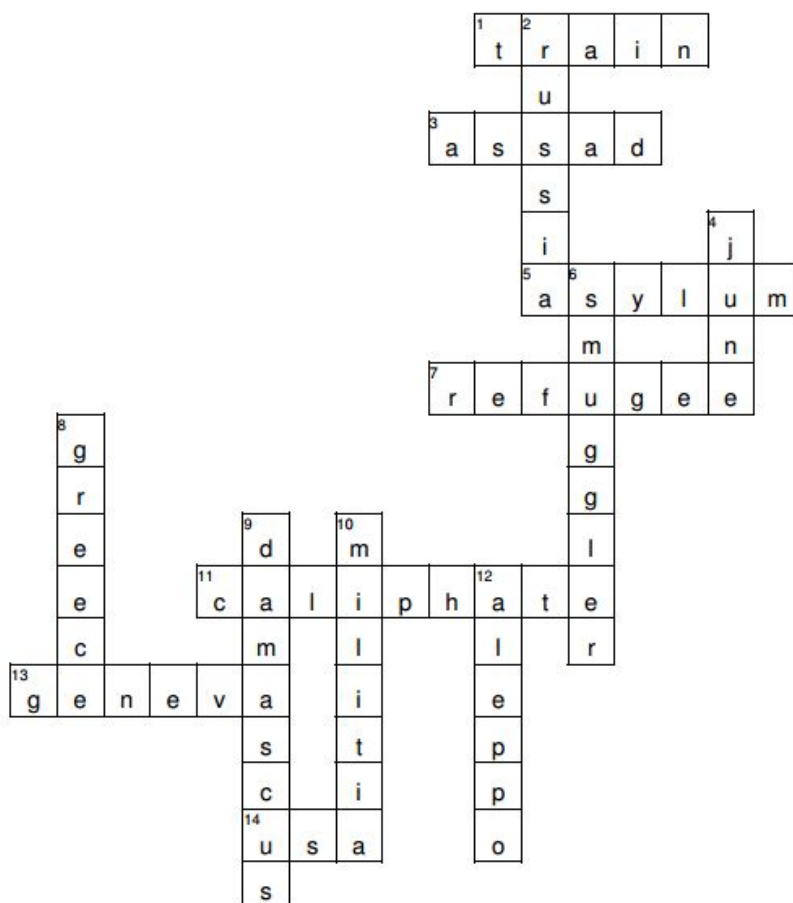
Task 1

Across

1. In Europe, Muslu went by
3. The last name of Syria's leader
5. Protection for refugees in another country
7. A person who flees to a foreign country
11. The Islamic State declared the
13. The United Nations peace talks took place in
14. Supporter of the rebels

Down

2. Supporter of Assad
4. The month when Muslu left Syria
6. Someone who helps people crossing borders illegally
8. The first European country Muslu arrived in
9. The capital of Syria
10. Civil persons who fight for money
12. A city in the north of Syria



Task 2

Muslu fled from Damascus to Vienna. Measure the distance! (follow the main roads)

The distance between Damascus and Vienna are approximately 3000 km.

Task 3

On his journey, Muslu crossed different countries. Circle those he eventually crossed!

Italy — Lebanon — Ukraine — **Hungary** — Slovenia — **Greece** — **Bulgaria**
Moldova — Iraq — Iran — Macedonia — Croatia — Albania — Germany — Kosovo
Serbia — **Turkey** — Cyprus — Poland — Czechia — Bosnia and Herzegovina — Israel

Task 4

Match the countries and their capitals!

1 Croatia	2 Ankara
2 Turkey	4 Belgrade
3 Romania	9 Damascus
4 Serbia	8 Vienna
5 Greece	7 Budapest
6 Bulgaria	5 Athens
7 Hungary	1 Zagreb
8 Austria	10 Tirana
9 Syria	6 Sofia
10 Albania	3 Bucharest

Task 5

Show the TED Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=25bwiSikRsl> (5:42)

How many people have been forced to leave their homes to escape violence around the world?

60 million people

What is the difference between refugees and internally displaced persons?

Internally displaced persons fled their home but are still inside their countries

To apply for asylum is the first legal step in another country. If you are an asylum seeker you are called a refugee.

What is the difference between a migrant and a refugee?

Migrants decide to leave their country searching for better opportunities and can go back if they want to.

Task 6

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-32057601>

Try to imitate Muslu's route.

Where would Muslu be had he followed this website? Stranded in Turkey.

While choosing the escape routes, list decisions/problems Syrian refugees have to face

To go by sea or land ; To pay a smuggler/to hire a middle man ; To help other people/to look only for oneself ; To starve or drown or get shot by foreigners army ; limited access to shelter, ...