

Questions About Refugee Week

Answers

1. What is a refugee?

A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country and live somewhere else.

2. Give one reason why someone might become a refugee.

Someone might become a refugee because there is a war, leadership of the country is bad or because they are victims of a natural disaster.

3. What does 'forced to become a refugee' mean?

Someone who is forced to become a refugee has no choice but to do so.

4. Name two natural disasters that might cause people to become a refugee.

Any two of the following: volcano, flood, drought, terrible storm or widespread illness.

5. What could we learn from refugees?

We could learn new languages, new food, traditions, new religions or artistic and creative skills.

6. What did newspapers tell people about refugees?

They told people that refugees were only here for the money and the free housing.

7. How do the organisers of Refugee Week want refugees to feel in their country?

Organisers of Refugee Week want refugees to feel safe and welcome in their new country.

8. How do you think a refugee might feel when arriving in a new country?

**A refugee might feel frightened, scared, worried, lonely and homesick.
(Multiple answers possible)**

9. Name two events that might be held during Refugee Week.

Any two of the following: arts festivals, exhibitions, films, theatre and dance performances, concerts, football tournaments and public talks.

10. Why do you think schools are invited to have educational experiences about refugees?

Schools are invited to have educational experiences so that children will understand about refugees and not make judgements about them that are wrong and so that everyone can live happily together and learn new things.

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1. Explain in your own words what you understand a refugee to be.

Own response - A refugee is a person who has had to leave their own country because they are in fear of their life. They are frightened that they might be killed because of their beliefs, race or religion, or because they are victims of a natural disaster.

2. Why might someone find they need to be a refugee?

Someone might become a refugee because there is a war, leadership of the country is bad or because they are victims of a natural disaster.

3. Explain what 'negative attitudes' means in the text.

Negative attitudes refer to the wrong judgements that people made about refugees. They did not know them or understand them so they may have been unkind.

4. What positive things might a refugee bring to the country?

Refugees might bring new languages, new foods, interesting traditions, skills and talents to the country.

5. What did newspapers tell people about refugees? Why is it that a problem?

The newspapers reported that refugees only came to the UK for the financial benefits and free housing. This made people think badly of refugees and not want to help them.

6. What surprises you about the facts from the 2014 Refugee Week?

Own response

7. What do the organisers of Refugee Week want for refugees?

The organisers of refugee week want refugees to be able to fit in and live in safety.

8. How do you think a refugee might feel when arriving in a new country?

**A refugee might feel frightened, scared, worried, lonely and homesick.
(Multiple answers possible)**

9. Why do children need to learn about refugees?

Children need to learn about refugees because they will grow up to make worldwide decisions about issues like refugees in the future. They also need to learn to respect everybody, whatever their background, and live in harmony with everyone.

10. How would you like to get involved in Refugee Week?

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2. Why was Refugee Week started?

Refugee Week was started because there was a lot of negativity about refugees and people in the UK thought they were just coming here for the financial benefits and housing.

3. Explain what 'sanctuary' means.

Sanctuary means a safe place or refuge.

4. What word tells us that people already living in the UK did not show refugees much understanding?

The word 'ignorance' tells us that people living in the UK did not show refugees much understanding.

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6. What do the organisers of Refugee Week ultimately want for refugees?

The organisers want to 'create better understanding between different communities and to encourage successful integration'.

7. How do you think refugees contribute to the UK? Explain your ideas.

Refugees could introduce people in the UK to different foods, a different language, artistic or design ideas and skills. They can teach us about the traditions in their country and different religious beliefs.

8. How do you think a refugee might feel when arriving in a new country?

A refugee might feel frightened, confused, scared, unwelcome or homesick when getting to a different country. Own responses also accepted.

9. Why do children need to learn about refugees?

Children need to learn about refugees because they will make decisions about important issues like refugees in the future, when they are grown up. They need to have a good understanding of refugees for everyone to live together in harmony.

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