



Activating a High School Refugee Curriculum

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MAIN COUNTRIES OF RESETTLEMENT OF REFUGEES in 2005*

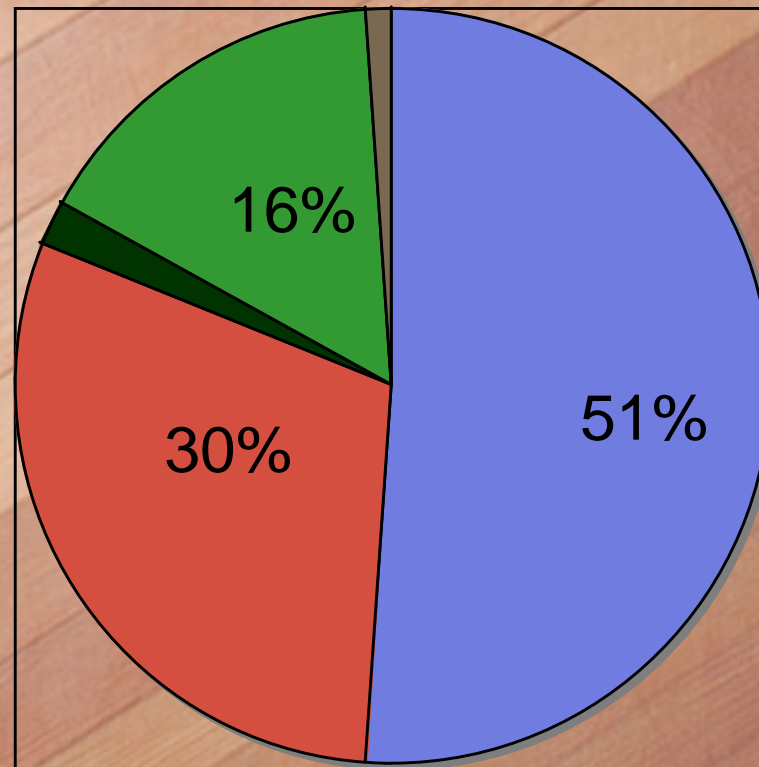


<u>Country</u>	<u>Total</u>
United States	53,813
Australia	11,654
Canada	10,400
Sweden	1,263
Finland	766
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United Kingdom	175

* Source: Governments/UNHCR.

Impact on Africans of Refugee Restriction

Refugee Resettlement by Region of Origin 2005*

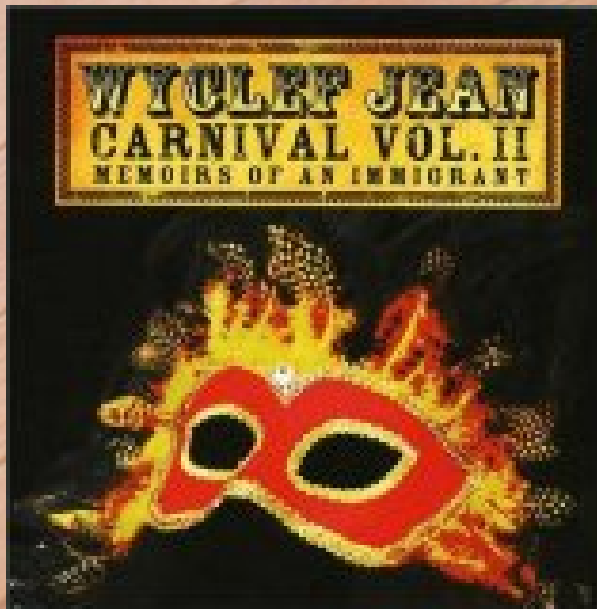


- Africa
- Asia
- Americas
- CASWANAME
- Europe

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A Participatory Refugee Curriculum

- Replace Pity with Respect
- Refugees as problem solvers
- Students as problem solvers, too
- Foster empathy and respect by engaging variety problems refugees must solve to survive



Infusion Approach



From "A Refugee Camp in Central Park" Project

Community Success Stories

Utica, NY: The Town That Loves Refugees



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Refugee Teenagers



- *The Other Side of the Sky: A Memoir*
- UNHCR *Refugee Teenagers*

Family Stories

- Warm-up Activity
- Oral Histories
- Maps
- Art or Creative Writing ...

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Well Founded Fear



Screen Documentary

Follow up: Role-play Asylum Interview

Online Interactive Video Game

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Model UN: Simulate Refugee Crisis

- Global Classrooms DC
- U.N. Cyberschoolbus



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Lessons in Empathy

- Challenge students complete necessary paperwork, complete asylum interview in a foreign language class
- UNHCR “Passages”
- Refugee Camp in the Schoolyard

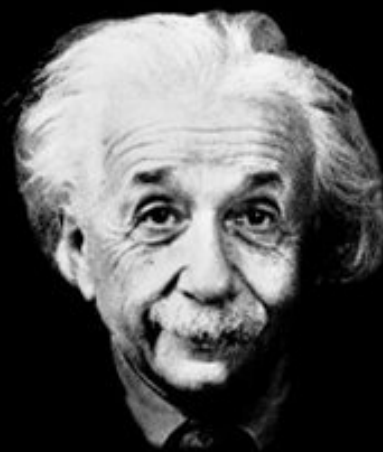
Design a Public Awareness Campaign

Opportunity for Cooperation Across Curriculum

Actually enacted in halls and cafeterias

Towards a service-learning model

**A bundle of belongings
isn't the only thing a refugee
brings to his new country.**



Einstein was a refugee.



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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

UNHCR is the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Our job is to coordinate the world-wide efforts to solve refugee problems.

To protect the basic human rights of refugees.

The right to work, to education,

Freedom of religion, travel documents, legal protection.

We do not ask you help to support refugees for ever and ever.

We need your help to make refugees self-supporting.

Living a stable, peaceful and happy life wherever in the world.

That is your job.

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