



QUESTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

A Resource for “Q&A on the Refugee Crisis”

1. After reviewing the fact sheet, what was:
 - a. The most surprising thing you learned about the Refugee Crisis?
 - b. The one fact that you questioned and need to learn more about?

2. In your own words, define the following terms:
 - a. Internally displaced person (IDP).
 - b. Refugee.
 - c. Stateless person.

3. Name 3 steps that are part of the U.S. refugee vetting process.
 - a. Have you or someone you know gone through this process?
 - b. How would you feel if your family had to go through this process?
 - c. What more would you need to know in order to assess whether the current vetting process is too extensive, needs to be strengthened or is just right?

4. Identify some of the countries refugees/displaced persons come from.
 - a. What continents are they in? What regions of the world?
 - b. How do the backgrounds and experiences of refugees/displaced persons differ depending on where they come from?

5. Name 3 ways forcible displacement can affect a person.

6. Over the past 80 years in the U.S., how have refugees' religions and countries of origin changed?
 - a. In the years where there were surges in U.S. refugees (ie. 1939, 1958, 1979, 1980, 1994 and 1999), what was happening in U.S./world events?
 - b. Research one of those years and explain why the particular refugee group that came to the U.S. was seeking refuge.
 - c. How do you think those events influenced public opinion about refugees?
 - d. Did it surprise you that U.S. public opinion toward refugees is often negative, regardless of religion or country of origin? Why or why not?

7. Find 2 pieces of data about whether refugees have been involved in terrorist attacks in the U.S. since 2001.

- a. Using the news literacy skills presented in Tanenbaum's *Combating Extremism* resource "[Why Scrutinizing Information Matters](#)," assess whether your data is likely to be accurate. Why or why not?
8. Find a current news article that talks about refugees and/or IDPs.
- a. Describe why the person/people in the article were forcibly displaced.
 - b. Using language from the definition of refugees in the United Nations Convention relating the Status of Refugees, name the reason(s) this person/these people were displaced.
 - c. Describe how/whether/the way(s) the article challenged your perception of displaced persons.