International Migration
Refugees

What is a refugee?

Explain the difference between a refugee and asylum seeker.

TwoBillionMiles – The Journey of a Refugee

- Open the following link: http://twobillionmiles.com/

- Follow the journey of a refugee by making decisions along the way.

How did you feel after completing this activity?
What did you learn?
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Refugees – How does Australia compare?

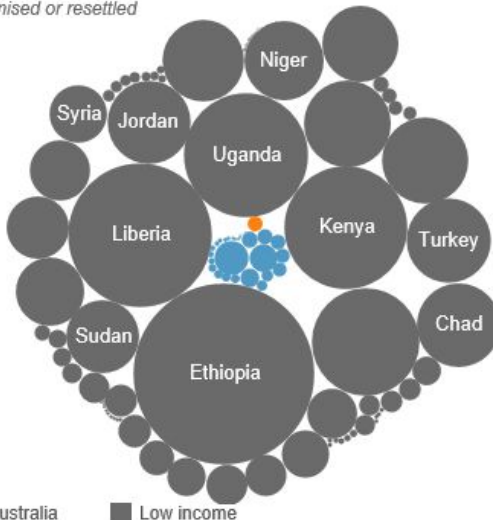http://www.smh.com.au/world/how-the-worlds-forcibly-displaced-add-up-20150813-giyg57.html

INTERACTIVE A decade of recognition and resettlement

| Australia ranks 43rd measured by wealth | … 27th as a share of population | … and 23rd by number of refugees |

Ratio of refugees recognised or resettled to GDP per capita

Niger

Syria Jordan

Uganda

Liberia Kenya

Turkey

Sudan Chad

Ethiopia

■ High income ■ Australia ■ Low income

Global rankings

Log scale used to make small values visible.

Graphic: Inga Ting | Source: Fairfax Media, RCOA 2015

This tiny orange dot tells you a lot about Australia's stance on refugees and asylum seekers. (If you're having trouble finding it, it's at the centre of the graphic.)

It shows the ratio of our refugee population to our wealth, expressed in terms of GDP per capita. By this measure, Australia ranked 70th out of 140 countries for its contribution to hosting refugees in 2014 - a year when the number of newly displaced hit a record high.

Ethiopia is ranked 1st. Its ratio of refugees to wealth 572 times higher than Australia's.

We're tiny but many other nations are barely visible. Japan, for example, has a ranking of 107 and a ratio 11 times smaller than Australia.

The United Nations describes ours as "an age of unprecedented mass displacement". Nearly 60 million people are now forcibly displaced people across the globe, according to the latest UN figures. That's more human beings fleeing conflict and persecution than at any time since World War II. As these maps show, the forcibly displaced have spread to nearly every corner of the globe.

Australia's contribution can look better or worse, depending not only on the calculations used but also, how asylum seekers and refugees are defined and counted.

For example, Australia is often cited as a world leader when it comes to refugee resettlement. This is true. In 2014, it ranked 3rd out of 26 countries for number of resettlement arrivals and 1st when measured as a share of population or GDP.

The link to this article is found one the front page. You may also like to visit: http://www.therefugeeproject.org/#/2016 for up-to-date stats.

Task:

Complete a one page persuasive writing task to the following statement:
"Australia should accept more refugees"
You must decide if you agree or disagree and follow the scaffold provided to complete your writing task, in your book.