

Migrants and Minorities: Bridging the Gap?!

Lead-in

1. Thinking about migration

a) **Take notes** on what you know about ...

- people who immigrate to / emigrate from Europe,
- the countries they come from / go to,
- the reasons why they are coming / leaving
- how they travel?

b) For some time now, the migration of people from one country to another and all the consequences this has – from positive effects on the economy to racial conflict – has been making the news.

Name an example of a migration-related topic that German news coverage is currently talking about or has just been recently engaging with.

2. Working with visuals

a) Look at the six pictures below. Which of them affects you the most? First describe it very briefly and then give reasons for your choice.





b) Compare the black and white photos with the ones in colors. How do they differ in what they show? What conclusions can you draw?

3. Focus on the UK and the US as superdiverse societies

a) Sum up the fact file about superdiversity in your own words.

FACT FILE

Superdiversity

The UK and the US are superdiverse societies. Recently, migrants from more varied countries of origin are immigrating to these countries as more asylum seekers, international students, and workers search for places that are safer and offer more opportunity. This influx of migrants is transforming social landscapes, resulting in an unprecedented variety of cultures, cuisines, identities, politics, faiths, languages and immigration statuses.

b) Is superdiversity a curse or a blessing for your society? Make a list of pro and con arguments.

Sources:

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