

### **The Life of a Syrian Refugee - A Game**

As a first generation American, I understand how difficult it was for my parents to give up everything they have ever known to flee to the United States during the aftermath of the Salvadoran civil war. With no English and the few relatives that came to the US beforehand living on the West Coast, it was a challenge to understand the American way of life in New York. Roughly 23 years after my parents came here and a bulky mess issues later, there are more displaced refugees now than during World War II with over 60 million people. Currently, the Syrian civil war alone has sent 11 million people fleeing for their lives and most crossing over to the nearby Turkey or as distant as Italy and Greece. With President Trump's executive order on the ban of refugees from the 7 mostly-Muslim nations for 90 days, 120 days for others, and Syrian refugees indefinitely, there has been a loud cry from people who opposed this in the United States, in the condition that it stood against the foundations of the United States.

Moving on to how this relates to my project, I'm going to create a basic text-based game, that may include graphics succeeding it, that raises awareness about the conditions of what refugees advance through on a daily basis from fleeing the only place they have only known as home and their progress in seeking asylum in another country. Accordingly, this one will have the United States as the primary goal in light of the refugee ban from President Trump and Syria as the starting place where 10% of refugees are from. While I understand there are different groups fleeing with different objectives, I chose this particular group since it was on the news recently. Personally, I'm passionate in controversial topics and with reliable research and reading, I'll understand about the lives of Syrian refugees better and how this war impacts them.