

Refugee Week

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Being a Refugee

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The History of Refugee Week

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What happens during Refugee Week?

Refugee Week is an activities programme. There are festivals, films, concerts, football tournaments and talks. Everyone can take part.

Big Facts!

- A natural disaster is a volcano, flood, terrible storm or widespread illness.
- Refugees come from lots of different countries. We can learn a lot from them.

Questions

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- 15th June
- 17th June

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- a riot
- a flood

3. When did Refugee Week begin? Tick **one**.

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- 2008
- 1908

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All About...

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Refugee week in the UK runs from 17th to 23rd June and anyone can take part. It is a time to celebrate the contribution of refugees to the UK and help people to understand more about them. The theme for this year's refugee week is, 'You, me and those who came before' which encourages people to explore the lives of refugees, past and present.

Being a Refugee

A refugee is someone who has had to leave their own country either because of natural disasters, because they are being treated badly or are in fear of being treated badly. They may be afraid of being hurt or even killed because of war, their beliefs or where they are from.



Big Facts!

- A natural disaster is a volcano, flood, drought, terrible storm or widespread illness.
- Refugees often come from very different countries compared to the UK. They might speak different languages, have different cultures, foods, traditions, religions and skills. We can learn a lot from people with different experiences to ourselves.

The History of Refugee Week

Refugee Week began in 1998 because there was a lot of incorrect information about why refugees came to the UK. Many people wrongly thought that refugees were here to get money and 'free housing', and there were a lot of bad feelings towards them. The organisers of Refugee Week wanted to create a better understanding and make it safer for refugees in the UK.

What happens during Refugee Week?

Refugee Week is an activities programme with lots of different events. There are arts festivals, films, performances, concerts, football tournaments and public talks. It is good for children to take part, as they will make decisions about refugees in the future.



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- 20th June
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- To try foods from different countries.

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Accept any of the following:

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- **flood**
- **drought**
- **terrible storm**
- **widespread illness**

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Refugee Week

In the UK, Refugee Week runs from 17th – 23rd June and is a time used to celebrate refugees and all that they bring to life in the UK. Anyone can take part in the organised activities and celebrations which are intended to help people learn more about refugees and their lives. Each year, there is a different focus for refugee week and in 2019, the theme is, 'You, me and those who came before.' The purpose of this theme is to encourage people to explore the lives of refugees both past and present.

What is a Refugee?

A refugee is someone who has been forced to leave their own country. There may have been a natural disaster, leaving people homeless and with no belongings. Some refugees live in fear of being hurt or even killed due to war or on-going arguments in their country. Some refugees are treated badly because of their beliefs or culture. Refugees do not choose to leave their homes - they have no choice.

Refugees often come from countries that have a very different culture and way of life to that of the UK. For example, they may speak a different language, eat different foods and have different traditions and religions. All of these things can make refugees seem very strange to those living in the UK. However, instead of fearing them, we can actually learn a great deal from them.



What is a Natural Disaster?

A natural disaster is a natural event that causes great damage to a country and its people. Volcano eruptions, floods, droughts, earthquakes, terrible storms and widespread illness are all examples of natural disasters that may force people to leave their homes.



The History of Refugee Week

Refugee Week began in 1998 and was set up because of the fear that people in the UK had of refugees at the time. Many people wrongly thought that they were here to steal jobs, take money and to get free housing. This was causing a lot of bad-feeling towards refugees who often felt unsafe and not welcome as a result. The organisers of Refugee Week wanted to create a better understanding of what a refugee was and why they needed to come to the UK.

Refugee Week

Refugee Week takes place every year across the world and is an activities programme of arts, cultural and educational events. The aims of Refugee Week are to teach people about the negative experiences of refugees as well as to celebrate the skills and talents that people from different countries have. Events include arts festivals, films, performances, concerts, football tournaments and public talks. Everyone can get involved in Refugee Week but it is especially important that children take part, so that they can continue to support and welcome refugees who have nowhere else to go in the future.

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- 18th – 24th June
- 17th – 23rd July
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2. What is a refugee?

3. **Find** and **copy** a word that is used to describe a long period of time with no rainfall.

4. How might a refugee appear to be different from those living in the UK? Include at least two examples in your answer.

5. Fill in the missing words:

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6. How often does Refugee Week take place? Tick **one**.

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drought

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Pupil's own response, such as: A refugee might appear to be different because they may speak a different language or they might have a different religious belief from those living in the UK. Their culture and traditions might also seem very strange.

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