

**The Refugee Reformers (group 2)**  
**5 Group Members**

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**Assignment 1**

The focus of your topic is elementary school aged refugee children in American schools. You indicated that you intend to explore their “transition into American public school culture.” You should consider limiting your investigation to either lower or upper elementary school. The emotional needs, social development, and ability to transition will be different between these two age groups. Classroom teachers are the key to understanding and unlocking the doors to social inclusion, cross-cultural understanding, instilling the hidden curriculum, and scholastic achievement. The institutional systems that dictate what and how education is transmitted is often fraught with budget cuts, political challenges, and confusing rules and regulations.

You will begin your investigation by reading articles from *Migrants and Refugees: Equitable Education for Displaced Populations* a volume in the series *International Advances in Education: Global Initiatives for Equity and Social Justice* (check with distance learning on your syllabus); watching the following short You Tube videos: Fugees Family provides hope, opportunity for refugee children in US, Homeland-Immigration in America: Refugees, and Refugee Kids. You may also check out the other videos on refugee children on our You-Tube list and explore the refugee statistics from the NCES.gov database. Finally, the social and economic support from others must also be considered. Using the above and 5 additional resources per group member (total 25 per group), you will begin your investigation into the lives of refugee children in America.

This will be the foundation of your first **15 minute** power point presentation and your first 10 paged group paper. Your paper should be the foundation for your presentation. In both the paper and presentation provide a brief history of the refugee movement into the US, what refugee groups are coming now, what are the most pressing issues your group will focus on, and how you intend to address them going forward. Make sure to use your references to substantiate your viewpoints. Your power-point presentation should include photos and graphs where applicable. You will find a list of resources on our website and check for posts that may provide additional data.

**ALL GROUP MEMBERS MUST PARTICIPATE IN THE PRESENTATION**