

REFUGEES, FRAGILE STATES AND OUR COMMUNITIES

Teaching Resources on Migration and Refugees from around the World

We've put together some helpful resources to help faculty teacher their students about the current Syrian refugee crisis as well as other refugee and immigration crises around the world.

GENERAL REFUGEE & MIGRATION RESOURCES

The Guardian: Migration Page

Current events related to global migration issues. <http://www.theguardian.com/world/migration>

UN Refugee Agency

Data on responses to current emergencies and other protracted refugee crises. <http://data.unhcr.org/>

Videos about various refugee crises around the world. <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL587DEB510E8CB629>

RESOURCES ON THE SYRIAN CRISIS

"Where are the Syrian Refugees?," Gapminder Foundation, June 9, 2015

Three-minute video that demonstrates the movement of Syrian refugees. Good visual demonstration of relative numbers of refugees. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0_QrIapiNOw

"The Syrian refugee crisis, explained in one map," Vox, updated September 27, 2015

Strong visual image representing the numbers of refugees entering Europe and countries in the Middle East. <http://www.vox.com/2015/9/27/9394959/syria-refugee-map>

"Migration Crisis: Migration to Europe Explained in Graphics," BBC News, October 27, 2015

Maps, charts, graphs, and other useful tool to discuss the current crisis.

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-34131911>

"The Migrant Crisis, By the Numbers," NPR, September 8, 2015

Numbers on the current Syrian crisis, includes an interesting chart on global displaced populations.

<http://www.npr.org/sections/parallels/2015/09/08/438539779/the-migrant-crisis-by-the-numbers>

RESOURCES FOR TEACHING ABOUT REFUGEES

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNCHR): Lesson Modules

Refugee themes can help students understand fundamental issues in history, geography, human rights or education for citizenship; and they can bring an unexpectedly poignant and imaginative approach to teaching of language, literature or art. UNHCR has developed lesson modules for three different age

groups that will help educators introduce refugee issues into the curriculum of these different subject areas. <http://www.unhcr.org/pages/4ab356d36.html>

<http://www.unhcr-centraleurope.org/en/general/get-involved/spread-the-word/education-resources-for-teachers.html>

Statistical snapshots of refugees, fact sheets, and related policies and planning in the region.

<http://www.unhcr.org/pages/49e45b276.html>

Jesuit Refugee Service: Curriculum for Secondary Schools

A curricular module about forced displacement in the modern era based on an innovative approach to learning that is built on five important steps in the student's learning cycle: Context, Experience, Reflection, Action and Evaluation. <http://www.jrsusa.org/education>

Bridging Refugee Youth and Children's Services (BRYCS): Immigrant/Refugee Awareness Instructional Materials

BRYCS strengthens the capacity of refugee-serving and mainstream organizations across the U.S. to ensure the successful development of refugee children, youth, and their families by increasing information sharing and promoting collaboration at the local, state, regional, and national levels.

<http://www.brycs.org/clearinghouse/Highlighted-Resources-Immigrant-Refugee-Awareness-Instructional-Materials.cfm>

The Guardian: How to Teach about Refugees

<http://www.theguardian.com/teacher-network/2015/may/25/how-to-teach-refugees>

World View, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Resources collected by a global education program at UNC on the Syrian refugee crisis.

<http://worldview.unc.edu/resources-for-teaching-the-syrian-refugee-crisis/>

PBS LearningMedia (www.pbslearningmedia.org)

Provides access to thousands of innovative, standards-aligned digital resources, compelling student experiences, and professional development opportunities. Includes over 300 resources related to refugees across the globe.

“A Tale of Two Heavens: Escaping North Korea – Lesson Plan”

Lesson for grades 9 to 13+ from the Wide Angle episode “Crossing Heaven’s Border,” students learn about the conditions in North Korea that have compelled many North Koreans to attempt a dangerous escape to see what they see as the “Heaven” of South Korea.

<http://www.pbslearningmedia.org/resource/wa10.socst.global.conn.lpcrosheav/a-tale-of-two-heavens-escaping-north-korea/>

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