

End of Module Assessment

Prompt: Write an essay in which you analyze how the refugee you read in the book *Refugee* has unique experiences on their journey, and also how those experiences relate to the universal refugee experience of fleeing and finding home. Pregunta: Escribe un ensayo en el que analices cómo el refugiado que leíste en el libro *Refugiado* tiene experiencias únicas en su viaje, y también cómo esas experiencias se relacionan con la experiencia universal del refugiado de huir y encontrar un hogar.

Your essay should include:

1. An introduction paragraph.
2. Connection Tool Body Paragraph 1
3. Connection Tool Body Paragraph 2
4. Connection Tool Body Paragraph 3
5. A conclusion paragraph

Tu ensayo debe incluir:

1. Un párrafo de introducción.
2. Conexión Párrafo 1
3. Conexión Párrafo 2
4. Conexión Párrafo 3
5. Un párrafo de conclusión

Many people believe that refugees are bad, uneducated and weird people but in all reality they're just people who are struggling and want a home and job for them and their families. They are innocent people who feel guilty for the result of the actions/consequences everyone else has caused. Imagine seeing someone give you an odd or weird look because you're practicing your religion and feeling insecure or weird about it. Or if someone wasn't letting you go somewhere because of your struggling appearance. How do people's view on others affect people's view on themselves? How can we improve ourselves to improve the people and places around us?

In this book my main character Mahmoud gets his home blown up by a missile and has to travel from his hometown to a safer place. With all the dangers of the war going on, he and his family have to move to keep themselves safe. All while escaping a camp site staying in a rented out hotel and getting their car shot up. "Mahmoud screamed and dropped to the floor as broken glass sprayed him. One of the back tires exploded, and the car swerved wildly and screeched as his dad fought

to keep control of it.” By using the word “screamed” the author shows that the main character was scared and frightened by what was happening at that point in time, but the author using the word “dropped” in this sentence also concludes that Mahmoud knew what to do in this situation. “ After Aleppo--the near-constant gunfire and explosions punctuated by the oppressive quiet of an entire city trying their hardest to draw attention to themselves--this place felt alive, even if it was dusty and cramped.” In this quote the author uses the word “near-constant” this shows that whatever is happening to them now almost always happens so they’re used to it by now, but when the author uses the word “draw” they mean Mahmoud, his family, and all the other refugees would rather stay quiet, self kept, and un-noticeable then be loud and noticed to a world where they would draw in more attention and possibly get themselves killed. “He sifted through it--yes! A Teenage Mutant NinjaTurtle! It was the one with the red bandana. The box didn't have any otherNinja Turtles in it, but Waleed would be excited to get it.” In this quote., says the word “excited” in a very not excited way. The reason he does this is to show the disappointment in his mind of him thinking his brother wont enjoy the toy. As he's stated before his little brother is so traumatized he rarely ever gets excited about anything. The word “hope” in this quote is very important because throughout the whole story the character hopes that everything would just go back to how they used to but there's not very much left in him nothing seems to get his hopes up as much as him n his family being safe and happy again. This quote adds on to the last one. It shows that even the littles bit of hope in Mahmoud was starting to fade but when got there and saw the boat the stayed in awe and shock as this time it was actually there and the smuggler was actually telling the truth the whole time.

In the book Refugees by Alan Grats, The main character Mahmoud is drowning in the ocean on his way to Lesbos. He goes through many hardships from his boat popping, to losing his father and brother, to losing his sister, to making it to

Lesbos and meeting up without hana. He goes through many hardships on his journey but is still willing to keep trying for his family and peace. In the book the author wrote "Mahmoud felt gutted. It was all his fault. Hana might still be with them if he hadn't gotten someone on that boat to take her. Or she might've died during their two hours in the water. Either way they had lost her." This quote shows that Mahmoud feels guilty for giving away hana because no they don't know where she is let alone if she's alive or not. They all make it to land and see a dead infant replacing the child's face with Hana's. They rush towards her and get even more depressed when they realize it isn't her. They miss Hana and want to know where she is but they don't and he feels like it's all his fault. The author also stated "I saw rocks, someone at the front of the dinghy yelled and there was a loud POOM! Like a bomb exploding and Mahmoud went tumbling into the sea." This quote shows that Mahmoud feels scared for obvious reasons. He hears something pop and gets scared because it brings back flashbacks to Syria when the bombs would get set off. Then he rolls into sea which probably scared him even more to know that he was knocked off the boat and couldn't find anyone. The author wrote "Mahmoud swam over to her and wrestled her hands into stillness and put her head on Mahmoud's shoulder and sobbed. Mahmoud's sister was gone and so were his father and brother." This shows that the main character was thinking more about his family and cared more about his family than himself. In the text it states that he was trying to help his mother stay above water, hana was gone, and so were his father and Waleed. Everyone but himself was on his own mind he wondered if they were okay or dead, and if they were with hana or had made it onto land or a boat. He just hoped they weren't dead. The author then wrote "A man floating face down in the water in his mind's eye Mahmud immediately filled the drowning man's face with that of his father." This quote shows that Mahmoud was feeling down and guilty as he says he filled the man's face with his fathers. This also shows that he missed everyone and just wants them all to be together again. The author lastly wrote

“Water was sloshing in and out of Mahmoud's ears, but he thought he heard a drone just above the howl of the wind. In Syria that noise would have sent him ducking for cover, but now it made his eyes widen, his legs kick a little harder, a little higher.” And this one states clearly that Mahmoud was very attentive and full of adrenaline. Even though he was exhausted from being in the water for almost 2 hours and his ears were full of water he was still full of energy to hear the sound of something that would have scared him away in Syria. A boat, more people, more help.

My refugee's life is incredibly difficult. Suffering from losing his home to losing his sister and almost himself. He starts with losing his home then his sister and now he's in a camp with his mom dad and brother. While his mom looks for Hana he tries to find a way out of the camp. While he puts the pieces together he realizes they can escape easily and finally go home. This is all proven with these 4 quotes pulled from the book. Starting with “This place was run by the Hungarians not the UN, so Mahmoud guessed they were here to observe. To document the living conditions of the refugees. Mahmoud decided right then and there he was going to make sure the observers saw him.” This quote shows that Mahmoud is self-educated on these kinds of things. He knows who is to be trusted and who to stay away from. He knew that the UN were observers because he put the pieces together and guessed they were there to watch because everything was run by the Hungarians. That's how he plotted his amazing escape. The second quote pulled from the book was “They had no water and no food, and Mahmoud's stomach growled and his lips were dry. He felt like one of the zombies from his favorite video game.” This shows that even through his darkest times he had to remember the good times even if it meant comparing himself to a zombie he was still thinking about things that used to make him happy like the video game itself. The third quote is “Thee alone we worship, and thee alone we ask for help. Show us the straight path. Their path had been anything but straight, but Allah had delivered

them to this place.” This quote shows that they believe Alah has helped them through this whole journey and protected them just as much as they guided them. They believe that praying at the right time is better than the right place. They have strong beliefs in Alah and believe that Alah has helped them through everything. And the 4th and final quote states “Mahmoud's heart lifted. They weren't invisible anymore, hidden away in the detention center. People were finally seeing them, and good people were helping them.” This quote shows that Mahmoud had made the right choice to get up and leave the detention center. He sat and thought and then acted as soon as a thought came to mind he didn't care about the consequences he just acted and he got not just himself or his family home, but a whole group of refugees home. All these quotes show the sacrifices, acts, and consequences that Mahmoud has made throughout the book to make sure that his family got to a safer place. Somewhere they could call home and have a normal happy life again. And they did, in the book it stated “Mom and dad were there and Waleed and Herr Rosenberg, and the space was bright and alive and filled with books and pictures of family and the smell of good food. It felt like home.” this shows that Mahmoud and his family finally got their happy ending, their safe place and their Home.

Can you believe that people still criticize and ignore refugee struggles, how would you feel if you were a refugee and no one wanted to help you when you were struggling the most? The text in the unit proved that most people are very judgemental towards refugees and they proved this by stating in the book that tourists were giving looks of displeasure towards Mahmoud About waleed while doing their prayers. It's also very tragic that Mahmoud had to give away his baby sister to save him and his mother from drowning and his baby sister from dying. This made Mahmoud feel very guilty throughout the rest of the book and eventually Mahmoud saves his sister. This shows that we should all come together. Anyone and

everyone, to help refugees get their lives back. We could give them homes, food, jobs, and most importantly safety and keeping everyone together.