

~ **SAKAI READS** ~

Expanding Perspectives DISCUSSION GUIDE

“We may have different religions, different languages, different colored skin, but we all belong to one human race” ~ Kofi Annan.

“Fiction gives us empathy: it puts us inside the minds of other people, gives us the gifts of seeing the world through their eyes. Fiction is a lie that tells us true things, over and over” ~ Neil Gaiman

Introductory Discussion - (5 min.)

Begin by reading the definition and quote above. Invite student to discuss the following:

- Describe what compassion towards others looks like and give an example.
- Describe what compassion towards self looks like and give an example.

Title Specific Discussion - (15 min.)

- Choose some questions from the list provided for your group’s story to discuss.

Summary Discussion - (10 min.)

- How did reading the story help deepen your understanding of the importance of having compassion for others?
- Why do you think reading fiction novels can help inspire compassion in people?
- Do you have other suggestions for how to help increase compassion in our world?

Illegal By Eoin Colfer & Andrew Donkin

A few questions you may want to ask students:

- Should Ebo have left his village?
- Can you imagine members of your family departing like Ebo’s family? What in the world could happen that might cause you to do something like this?
- Would Kwame have traveled differently without Ebo?
- Have you ever met a refugee? Do you think that we have refugees in Kitsap county?
- Do countries have a right to determine who crosses their borders?
- Why should developed countries assist less developed countries? Why is it not their responsibility?
- Do developed countries benefit from less developed countries? Do they benefit from developed countries?
- What would be a good reason for you leaving your home to seek a home elsewhere?
- Should we help people in need? What if their life is in danger?
- Why would the author of Artemis Fowl write a book like this?

