

The European Refugee Crisis

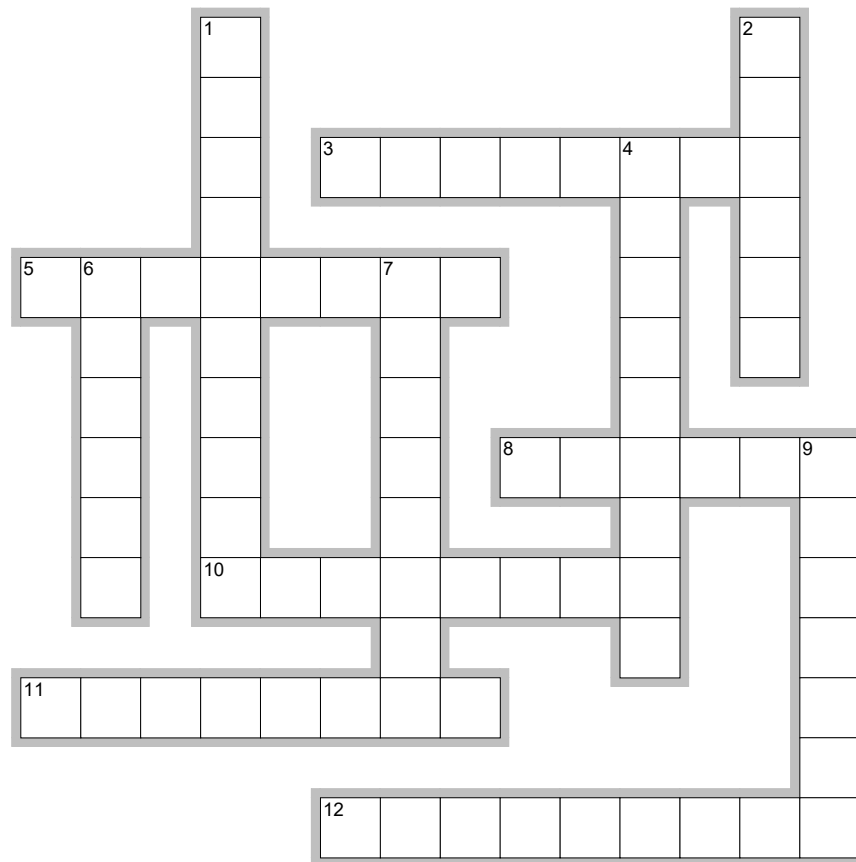
Task 1. Watch the video about the European Refugee Crisis. Are the following statements true or false? Write T for True or F for False.

1.	Syria has been inhabited for at least 10,000 years.	
2.	A third of the Syrian people have left their country.	
3.	The Arab states of the Persian Gulf have not accepted any Syrian refugees.	
4.	Between 2007 and 2014, the EU spent €2 billion in preparation for the reception of refugees.	
5.	Germany announced that it would accept all Syrian refugees but a few days later it backed out.	
6.	All over the West, support for asylum seekers has mostly come from politicians, not from citizens.	
7.	The percentage of Muslim population in the EU is currently about 5%.	
8.	Native citizens are more likely to be involved in crime than refugees who become immigrants.	
9.	Refugees traveling with smartphones do not really need help.	
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Task 2. Watch the video again and answer the following questions.

- How long has Syria been ruled by the al-Assad family?
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- What is the Arab Spring? When did it happen?
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- What was ISIS' goal?
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- Where are the majority of Syrian refugees living now?
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- Why was Greece unable to take care of all the people that arrived on its islands?
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- What was the operation Mare Nostrum designed for?
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- What made people around the world change the way they thought about the refugee crisis?
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Task 3. Solve the crossword puzzle with suitable words from the video.



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Across

3. a kind and sympathetic attitude towards other people, especially when they are suffering in some way (n)
5. to force people to move away from their home to another place (v)
8. a line separating one country or state from another (n)
10. someone who does not belong to the armed forces or the police (n)
11. a part of a population that is different in race, religion, or culture from most of the population (n)
12. to make someone become a full member of a group or society and be involved completely in its activities (v)

Down

1. feeling or showing dislike or fear of people from other countries (adj)
2. protection given by a government to someone who has left another country in order to escape being harmed (n)
4. someone who comes to live in a country from another country (n)
6. the arrival of a large number of people (n)
7. fighting between two or more groups of people or countries (n)
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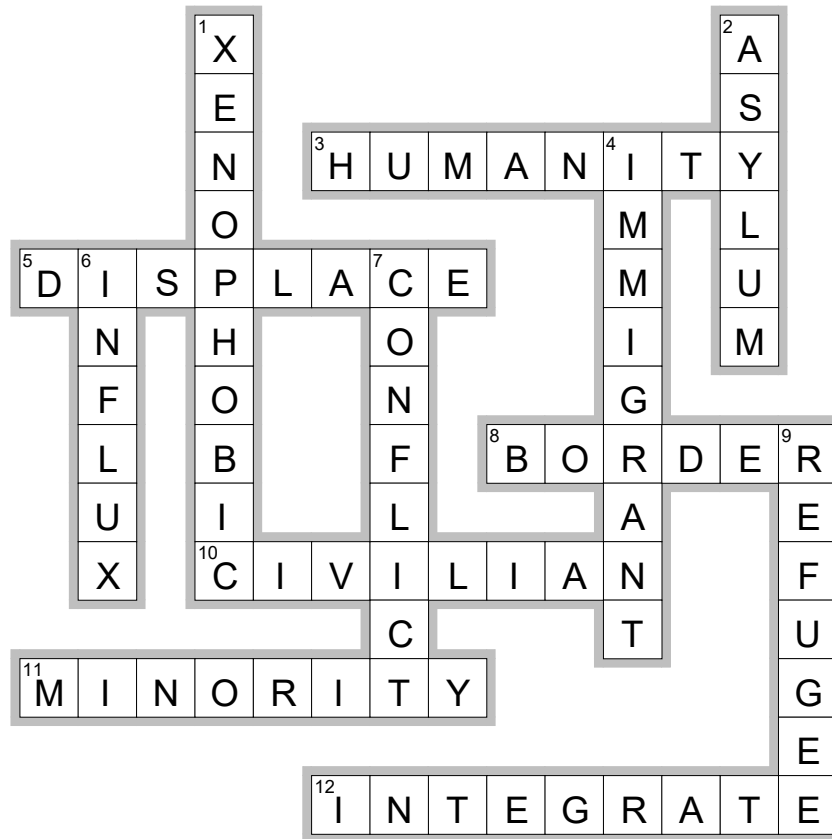


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It has been ruled by the al-Assad family since the 1960s.
- What is the Arab Spring? When did it happen? **It is a revolutionary wave of protests and conflicts in the Arab world that toppled many authoritarian regimes in 2011.**
- What was ISIS' goal?
ISIS' goal was to build a totalitarian Islamic caliphate.
- Where are the majority of Syrian refugees living now?
The vast majority of them (95%) reside now in camps in the neighboring countries.
- Why was Greece unable to take care of all the people that arrived on its islands?
Because it was in the midst of an economic crisis on the scale of the Great Depression.
- What was the operation Mare Nostrum designed for?
It was designed to stop asylum seekers from drowning in the Mediterranean.
- What made people around the world change the way they thought about the refugee crisis?
Photos of a dead boy from Syria found lying face down on a beach in Turkey
- What fears do people in the Western world have over the large number of refugees arriving in Europe?
Islam, high birth rates, crime, and the collapse of the social systems

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