



The Butterfly Refugee book comprehension and paper boat activity

Before you begin, how much or little information should you share?

It's up to you and your observations as a parent to choose how much you think is necessary to share with your child.

Questions before reading 'The Butterfly Refugee':

Have you heard of the word 'refuge'? What do you think it means?

- A place that protects from danger or difficulty. Anything a person turns to for comfort or help.

What do you think 'refugee' means?

- A person forced to leave his or her home or country to seek safety or protection.

What is the motivation behind refugees leaving their homes?

- Seeking a safety for themselves and family from war, persecution and violence.

What are some ways you think refugees find strength during times of crisis and oppression?

What are some things a refugee is looking for when they leave their home?

- Safety, family, shelter, food, medical assistance and education.

What are some ways we can help a refugee?

- By having conversations with your friends, children and family we can learn to have a compassion heart filled with understanding, which will help us volunteer our time, skills, donate and advocate for refugees.
- Welcome refugees into your country by checking what your local council and communities can offer, it can take some time to help resettle a refugee.
- Check your local councils for any programs they run for refugees, where you can volunteer.
- Check for foodbanks who support refugees and donate food.
- Invite a refugee to your home for a meal.

Questions after reading 'The Butterfly Refugee':

Explain the title.

What changes does a main character go through?

What happens, or should happen, after the ending?

What techniques does the author use to tell the story?

What do you think the author's purpose was?

Paper boat reflection activity

Note: This activity is best done with plenty of conversations and guidance from the adult.

As for children who have never been in a position similar to a refugee it may take some understanding to truly know what a refugee has been thru. Explain that the paper boat represents 'hope' for a better life, and they will be writing on their boats what they were seeking.

You will need:

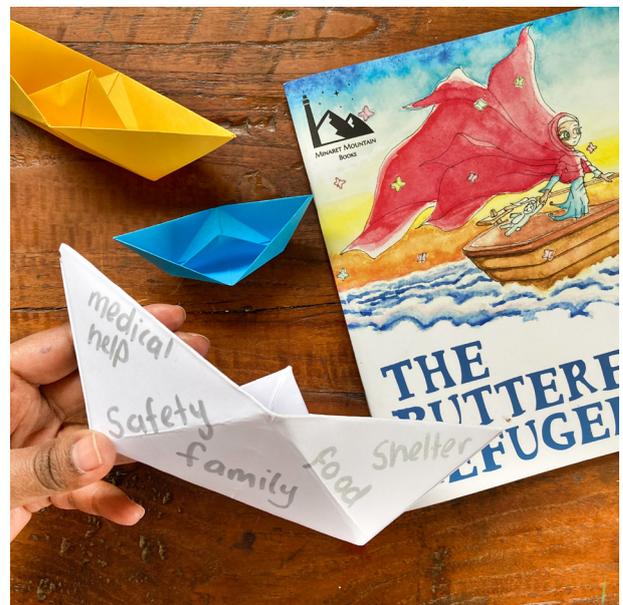
A4 Paper

Pencils/textas

1. Make your paper boat. Follow this easy [video here](#).
2. Write down on your boat what you would be searching for if you had to flee your home seeking refuge.
for eg, safety, shelter, family, food.

Discuss with your child and write your ideas on your boat.

By encouraging these discussions we can help foster empathy into our children, and get them promote action and become proactive and apart of the solutions.



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