



# TEACHER TALK NOTES

KS3

## STORY SNAPSHOT

### REFUGEE: THE GRAPHIC NOVEL

This story follows three children - Josef in 1930s Nazi Germany, Isabel in 1990s Cuba, and Mahmoud in war-torn Syria - each forced to flee their homes in search of safety. Though separated by time and place, their journeys are filled with danger, loss, and resilience, ultimately revealing powerful connections between their stories. It highlights the enduring hope and courage of refugees across generations.



## READING AGE & INTEREST

The book is best suited for readers aged 11+ as it does touch on some heavy and emotional topics. However, the new graphic novel format makes it accessible for younger readers if mature enough. It is well suited for discussions around history, human rights and current events.

## BIG IDEAS to EXPLORE

Survival Hope Courage Displacement Resilience

## CLASSROOM QUESTIONS

1. What challenges do the children face on their journeys?
2. How are their stories similar and different?
3. What does 'home' mean to each character?
4. How do the children show courage?
5. What would you take with you if you had to leave home?
6. How do small acts of kindness help others?
7. How are the stories connected?
8. What did this story make you think about?

## EXPERT INSIGHTS

Refugee: The Graphic Novel recounts the journey of three children: Josef (1930s Germany), Isabel (1990s Cuba), and Mahmoud (2015 Syria), each forced to flee their homeland due to war, persecution, or political upheaval. The story captures the resilience, strength and courage amidst trauma and danger. It is a compassionate and authentic introduction to the global refugee crisis that instils empathy for and awareness of other cultures in children.

## WHAT to READ NEXT

