SEEKING REFUGE

NAVID'S STORY – A JOURNEY FROM IRAN

1. Before watching the film about Navid's journey from Iran to the United Kingdom find out about the situation of the Kurdish people. Collect more information on the Kurds on the Internet.

Basic facts

The Kurds are an ethnic group living in Iran, Iraq, Syria, and Turkey. They are Muslim, but not Arabs. Although there are between 30 to 38 million Kurdish people, they have never had their own country. That is why there has long been a strong wish for self-rule, a situation that is causing political trouble. Kurds have suffered a long history of discrimination in most of these countries. Between 11 – 18.6 million Kurds live in Turkey (15.7-25 %), between 6.5-7.9 million live in Iran (7-10 %) and between 6.2-6.5 million live in Iraq (15-23 %)
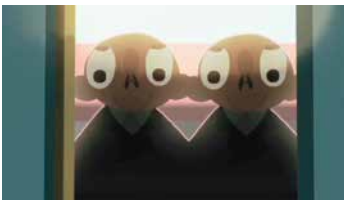

2. Watch the film, then copy and expand this very short summary about Navid's life in Iran and the United Kingdom.

When Navid's father's life was in danger, he ... Iran and came to .... Some years later, Navid and his mother also ... England, mostly overland. Navid describes why he and his family ... He found the journey ... When he arrived in the United Kingdom, he .... Now at the age of 16 Navid describes what it was like when he and his mother ... when he was five. During the first three months in school he remembers ... He felt good at the refugee centre at school because ...

3. Find the route of Navid's escape from Iran to England on a map. Tell how he and his mother got to England and explain why their escape was very dangerous.

4. Look at these snapshots from the film and ...

a) Describe what you can see.
b) Explain what these situations were like for Navid and his family.
c) Describe Navid's feelings in these situations. You may use the adjectives and expressions to help you.

friendly, happy, hard, lucky, relieved, sad, scared, scary, uncomfortable, upset to be an outsider, to miss s.o., to feel scared, to be in danger, to feel like being in prison, to get support, to be of great help

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