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Answer the following questions in your own words.

1. Why do refugees leave their home country ? **Give reasons. wars, political conflicts, natural disasters, persecution, religious reasons**
2. How many official refugees and internally displaced people are there in the world today ? **about 35 million refugees and 73 million internally displaced people**
3. What is the difference between a refugee and a displaced person? **refugees flee to other countries ; internally displaced people leave their homes but stay in their home country**
4. Which countries are most affected by the refugee crisis? **Ukraine, Sudan, Afghanistan, Venezuela, Myanmar**
5. Where have Afghani refugees moved to in the last few years? **neighboring Pakistan, the USA, Germany**
6. Where in Europe is there currently a refugee crisis? **Ukraine**
7. Name at least two groups of people who do not have their own state. **Kurds and Palestinians**
8. What is the Geneva convention? **it protects refugees and makes sure they do not have to return to their home country if they don't want to**
9. What does the UNHCR do? protects refugees; **helps them return if possible; helps asylum seekers and immigrants who need a job in a foreign country**
10. What are economic immigrants? **people who want to leave their home country to find a better life and higher standard of living elsewhere**
11. Name examples of refugee movements during the Middle Ages ! **Jews had to leave Spain; Protestants were expelled from France**
12. Which country did Armenians flee from in the 20th century? **Turkey**
13. What happened during the Russian Revolution? **1.5 million loyalists to the tsar had to flee**
14. Why did two million Chinese flee from their country after World War II? Where did they go to ? **a Communist government took over**
15. What happened when India became independent? **a new country (Pakistan) was created, and Hindus and Muslims had to cross borders**
16. What stopped East Germans from escaping to West Germany? **the Berlin Wall**

REFUGEES – KEY

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Match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

A	citizen	K	mix with other people
B	dictatorship	F	if you have lost your home and have to move somewhere else in your own country
C	flee	O	protection given to you by country because you have escaped from a war or conflict
D	genocide	H	to treat someone in a violent or unfriendly way because they think differently or have a different religion
E	agree	I	line between two countries
F	displaced	T	to start living in a place
G	law	L	out of your own free will
H	persecute	A	a person who lives in a country and has rights there
I	border	M	to start living in a place
J	income	E	to share the same opinion
K	integrate	D	the mass murder of a whole group of people
L	voluntarily	R	only for a short time
M	settle	N	starting point ; from where you come
N	origin	G	the rules of a country
O	asylum	C	escape a dangerous situation
P	civil war	S	to make someone leave a country
Q	drought	P	armed conflict between two or more groups in the same country
R	temporary	B	country in which one person has all the power
S	expel	J	money you get for the work you do
T	settle	Q	long period of very dry weather with little or no rain

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Match the beginnings of the sentences with the endings. There are **TWO** endings you will not need.

A	Millions of refugees have fled their homes
B	Most of the refugees around the world
C	In many cases refugees
D	The Kurds and Palestinians are people
E	Refugees and homeless people
F	The UNHCR helps refugees
G	Economic immigrants leave their country
H	During the Middle Ages people fled their homes
I	During World War II
J	During the Cold War 3 million East Germans
K	When India became independent
L	Millions of Chinese fled to Hong Kong and Taiwan
M	5 million Ukrainians have lost their homes

C	to go back to their home country
G	to find work and a better life somewhere else
E	are protected by the Geneva Convention
	are expelled by other countries
K	millions of Hindus and Muslims had to cross borders
D	who do not have their own state
I	over 50 million people were displaced in Europe
A	because they fear persecution from governments
M	since the outbreak of the war in 2022
H	because of religious reasons
	flee to Africa to escape persecution
B	come from Africa and the Middle East
L	when the Communists took over
F	find a new home in another country
J	escaped to the west

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Fill in the blanks with the words from the box. There are THREE words you will not need.

Refugees are people who have (1) **fled** their home country because of wars, political conflicts or for religious reasons. Internally (2) **displaced** people have lost their home, but they (3) **remain** in their own country.

In the past years millions of people have (4) **escaped** danger in Syria, Afghanistan and the Horn of Africa—places where (5) **conflicts** have been going on for many years. About 5 million Ukrainians have become homeless since the war with Russia started in 2022. All in all, over 100 people are thought to be (6) **homeless** around the world.

Refugees are protected by international (7) **law**. The Geneva Convention makes sure that refugees have basic (8) **rights** and do not have to return to the country they have escaped from. The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) helps refugees find a country to stay in or makes it possible for them to return to their home country after the political situation there has (9) **calmed** down.

Refugee movements have always been a part of history. In the Middle Ages religious groups left their homeland because they were (10) **persecuted**. During the Communist revolution in Russia over a million people left their country because they remained (11) **loyal** to the tsar.

The greatest refugee movement in history took place during World War II. Jews who escaped the gas chambers of the Nazis fled to America and other countries. When India became (12) **independent** from Great Britain in 1947 over 20 million people had to cross (13) **borders** because they were living in the wrong place.

During the Cold War over three million East Germans escaped to the West. In 1961, this refugee (14) **movement** was halted when the Communists built the Berlin Wall.

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